



Wilson Veterinary Group Sustainability Policy

Who we are.

Wilson Veterinary Group is spread over 3 sites Newton Aycliffe, Spennymoor and our largest branch in Bishop Auckland. At Wilson Veterinary Group we are committed to providing a high level of service in a friendly and professional manner. We provide advice and care for pets in the County Durham area. To maintain and improve the care for pets and clients, we need to consider the environmental impact that our work generates and look at how, as a team we can reduce it.

Our commitment.

At Wilson Veterinary Group we recognise the importance of improving sustainability and reducing our environmental impact. We recognise that human and animal and environmental health and intrinsically linked. Degradation of the environment will not only impact ourselves but the patients and clients we are trying to serve. We acknowledge that our day-to-day operations at the practice have an impact on the environment and have identified several aspects that contribute to emissions and our carbon footprint.

- Waste management.
- Medicine use and disposal.
- Transportation of personnel and animals.
- Use of single use plastics.
- Energy and water consumption.
- Calculating and reducing carbon footprint.
- Use of inhalation anaesthetic gas.

Implementation.

- Reviewing existing policies annually and monitoring usage of the above.
- Implementing a waste management protocol focused on reducing reusing and recycling.
- Ensuring correct allocation of waste to minimise amount going to landfill.
- Utilising the current guidelines of medicine usage to prevent over prescribing.
- Monitor energy usage and look in to how to reduce this.

- Undertake an annual audit and review to keep up to date on how the practice is performing.

We will engage with the team on how we are performing and allow open discussion on any ideas they have for further improving the sustainability of the work we do. We will continue to improve our environmental management system by working to the Investors in the Environment criteria, considering any changes in legislation, our organisation and other factors. We will convey this policy to all our colleagues ensuring they have the training in place to help us be more sustainable.

At Wilson Veterinary group we are proud to be part of the vetPartner's family. vetPartners sustainability reports can be found at [Sustainability | Myvetpartners](#). This has lead to us switching energy suppliers to a greener tariff, encouraging charity work and creating an inclusive workplace culture.

Our Green Champions are Claire Bake and Alison Moyle and has the designated responsibility for the day-to day implementation of this policy.

Our policy will be made available when requested by interested parties and members of the public. A copy can also be found on our website.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alison Moyle', written in a cursive style.

Alison Moyle

Date: 02.10.2025

Position: Clinical Director