

Glebe Veterinary Surgery Sustainability Statement

At Glebe Veterinary Surgery, we are dedicated to operating in an environmentally responsible and sustainable manner. Our commitment to sustainability encompasses various aspects of our practice to ensure we minimize our environmental impact while providing exceptional care for your pets.

Here's how we are making a difference:

- **Responsible Resource Use:**
 - We have installed solar panels to harness renewable energy and use energy-efficient systems throughout our facility.
 - Our thermostats are locked to maintain consistent and efficient temperature control, and all appliances are turned off when not in use.
 - LED lighting is used extensively, and lights are turned off in unoccupied rooms.
 - We prioritize recycling and use reusable items whenever possible, including scrub caps, cloth hand towels, and textile surgical drapes.
 - Our sterilization pouches are recyclable, and we use water-efficient practices, including cistern displacement devices in toilets and reusable bedding for our patients.
- **Sustainable Operations:**
 - We maximize natural light with numerous windows and continue to enhance our energy efficiency with solar power.
 - Waste management practices follow BVA guidelines, and we carefully measure cleaning products to avoid unnecessary waste.
 - Our medical equipment includes an O2 generator and circle rebreathing circuits to reduce resource use, and we do not use nitrous oxide in our practice.
 - We are proud members of the Bee Friendly Practice Scheme and maintain high standards of animal welfare through stress-reducing techniques and pain management.
 - We promote sustainable transportation by encouraging carpooling among staff and providing clients with taxi service options.
 - Most of our continuing professional development (CPD) activities are conducted online or at conferences, and we have implemented Vet Fuse to cut down on paper usage.
- **Responsible Medicine Use:**
 - We carefully manage our stock to avoid wastage and ensure that all medicines are disposed of properly when necessary.

Our commitment to sustainability is integral to our practice, and we continually seek ways to improve our environmental footprint. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding our sustainability efforts, please feel free to reach out to us. Your support and understanding are crucial in helping us achieve our goals for a greener future.

Thank you for being a part of our efforts to make a positive impact on the environment while providing the best care for your pets.

Warm regards,

The Glebe Veterinary Surgery Team