



Cat's Whiskers Veterinary Clinic Environmental Sustainability Policy

Cat's Whiskers Veterinary Clinic, an independent veterinary clinic exclusively for cats, acknowledge that our operations have an effect on the environment and we are committed to reducing our environmental footprint through continual improvement by having a greener pawprint.

Policy Aims

We endeavour to:

- Continually improve and monitor our environmental performance
- Continually improve and reduce environmental impacts
- Incorporate environmental factors into business decisions
- Increase team awareness and training

Our Greener Pawprint Commitments

- We use a renewable energy company for our electricity supply and always ensure appliances are switched off when not in use
- We are committed to reducing our disposable materials usage
- We use paper free management systems wherever possible, communicate digitally with our clients and ensure all waste paper products are re-cycled / re-used
- We endeavour to make sustainable choices when purchasing equipment or consumables and evaluate the environmental impact
- We have a dedicated sustainability champion within the team
- We favour 'green' vehicles and the vehicle used by the clinic for home visits is electric
- We continually review and optimise our waste management by: reduce; re-use, re-cycle
- We ensure environmental legislation compliance
- We only use licenced and appropriate organisations to dispose of waste
- We use evidence based infection control measures and minimise use of ecotoxic chemicals
- We promote animal welfare and adopt a lifetime healthcare approach to our veterinary services
- We practice responsible antimicrobial and parasiticide use
- We avoid drug wastage through good stocking principles, only stocking what we need
- We ensure drugs are disposed of correctly, including any surplus drugs clients no longer have a requirement for
- We empower and encourage our team to make environmentally sustainable changes
- We will update this policy at least once annually in consultation with the team