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Environmental Policy

Watkins & Tasker
Veterinary Group
2023/2024



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Watkins & Tasker Veterinary Group is a multi-site Veterinary Practice which undertakes small animal and exotics veterinary care in North Somerset. At Watkins and Tasker Vets, we are always striving to exceed client expectations by improving our three Practices, using the best equipment to ensure we maintain our Gold Standard Care. We acknowledge that our operations affect the environment and have identified our key environmental aspects that contribute our environmental and carbon footprint:

- Consumption of electricity, gas, water, and other fuels
- Use of anaesthetic gases
- Waste generation
- Transport emissions
- Use of raw materials, including prescribed drugs and medicines
- Procured goods and services with their own environmental impact

Our three Practices in Yatton, Nailsea and Portishead, are committed to reducing their environmental impact through a journey of continual improvement by working through the Investors in the Environment accreditation scheme. As an independent Practice, we are committed to protecting the environment, which has meant that we have invested in becoming a part of Investors in the Environment.

Our environmental commitment can be demonstrated in our established objectives and goals below:

- Continuation of the EcoTeam who will champion and initiate the objectives and goals
- Continue to monitor our electric and water usage and implement techniques to achieve our environmental targets
- Continue to measure our anaesthetic gas and waste usage
- Continue to operate safely and responsibly, in compliance with all relevant environmental regulations
- Reduce our emissions by 2%
- Adopt a travel plan
- Calculate our carbon footprint for each Practice
- Improve our waste/recycling policy and sustainable procurement policy
- Undertake 2 environmental or social projects
- Working with suppliers to ensure they acknowledge and decrease the environmental impact of their products and transportation
- Publishing and distribution of an annual organisational sustainability report
- Switching our single use surgical PPE to reusable where we can
- Switching our toilet paper and hand towels to recyclable / sustainable sources

- Reducing our use of our tumble dryers
- Installation of solar panels to our Portishead Practice to reduce our electricity usage

We will continue to improve our environmental management system by working to the Investors in the Environment (iE) criteria, considering any changes in legislation, our organisation, and other factors. We will convey this policy to all our employees ensuring that they are provided with training to increase awareness of environmental matters.

Georgina Seward, Practice Development Personal Assistant is our Sustainability Champion and has designated responsibility for the day-to-day implementation of this policy.

Watkins & Tasker Veterinary Group will make this policy available when requested to interested parties including members of the public, including making a copy available on our website.

Signed: 

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Position: Owner & Veterinary Surgeon

Date: 12th April 2023

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