

Quantock Veterinary hospital Environmental Policy

Who We are

Quantock Veterinary Hospital is a first opinion plus veterinary hospital, where we also run the Somerset Veterinary emergency clinic out of hour's service. We also have a Branch practice located in the Village of Nether Stowey. We employ 38 employees with additional student nurses and work experience volunteers. Our aim is to provide excellent hospital care to Domestic animals in and around the Bridgwater area, with staff on site 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. We like to deliver top clinical care and therefore make sure we stay up to date with updates on clinical practice, equipment and skills.

Our Commitment

At Quantock Veterinary Hospital, we are striving to reduce our impact on the environment and join the collective efforts of VetPartners to be as sustainable as possible. We acknowledge that clinical veterinary practice does use many non renewable and non-recyclable materials which include medicines, infectious and cytotoxic waste; as well as producing emissions.

The environment, animal health and wellbeing and humans are intrinsically linked. We aim to protect animal welfare, while minimizing damage to the environment and overuse of resources.

Implementation

We are committed to working with our staff, customers, patients, suppliers, investor, contractors and colleagues to achieve the following objectives:

- Reducing out waste, re-using and recycling materials when possible
- Implementing water and energy conservation techniques
- Working with suppliers to ensure they acknowledge and decrease the environmental impact of their products and transportation
- Make our Main building site more wildlife friendly
- Achieving Investors in the environment Accreditation by the end of 2026

We will continue to improve to be as sustainable as possible with regular feedback sessions and re-evaluating processes within the hospital. We will continue to liase with the VetPartners sustainability team to minimize waste and maximize sustainability, while collating ideas ourselves on how to improve.

Responsibility

All Staff have a responsibility to support this policy through active participation and cooperation. The Quantock sustainability team will responsible for the implantation of this policy. Quantock Veterinary Hospital will make a copy of this policy available through our website and stored on our shared computer drive.

Appointed Sustainability Champion – Abigail Binding MRCVS