

Looking forward together

Penbode Vets

Environmental Sustainability Policy 2025



Penbode Vets provides Small Animal, Farm and Equine veterinary service in North Cornwall/Devon and comprises four RCVS- accredited sites. At Penbode Vets, we take pride in offering a compassionate, dedicated, and high-quality service to our clients. We acknowledge that our day-to-day operations have an impact on the environment and have identified the key aspects that contribute to our environmental and carbon footprint:

- Consumption of electricity, gas, and water
- Use of volatile anaesthetic gases contributing to greenhouse gas emissions
- Waste production and disposal
- Paper usage
- Transport of personnel and animals
- Medicines usage and disposal
- Procurement of goods and services contributing to emissions and pollution

Penbode Vets is committed to enhancing our environmental performance through a journey of continual improvement by working through the Practice Standards Scheme. Our environmental commitment can be demonstrated in our established objectives and goals below:

- Compliance with all applicable environmental regulations and societal expectations
- Monitoring our key resource usage and implement conservation techniques to achieve our environmental targets
- Implementing a waste management policy with a focus on reducing, re-using and recycling
- Publishing and distribution of an annual organisational sustainability report
- Minimising unsustainable transport use
- Practising responsible medicines usage and disposal
- Taking part in a sustainability project with the practice team
- Working with suppliers to ensure they acknowledge and decrease the environmental impact of their products and transportation
- Undertaking annual practice waste audit

Penbode Vets is part of the VetPartners family. VetPartners are passionate about encouraging sustainable veterinary care and reducing our impact on the environment. Our goals can be found in our Sustainability Strategy and include using renewable energy, diverting waste from landfill, undertaking charitable fundraising and ensuring a kind and inclusive workplace culture.

Penbode Vets will continue to improve our environmental management system through annual reviews and updates, taking into account any changes in legislation, our organisation, and other factors. We will convey this policy to all our colleagues ensuring that they are provided with training to increase awareness of environmental matters.

Penbode Vets has a team of Green Champions who have designated responsibilities for the day-to-day implementation of this policy. Please contact sustainability.penbode@penbodevets.co.uk if you have any queries.