



Environmental & Sustainability Policy

At **Mark Nelson Vets**, we take our responsibility to the environment seriously. We are committed to providing outstanding veterinary care while operating with the highest environmental and sustainability standards.

Respect for animals, people, and the planet is at the heart of what we do. We aim to reduce our environmental impact beyond legal requirements, ensuring that our practice operates in a way that supports a greener future.

We strive to work efficiently, reducing waste and minimising our use of natural resources, greenhouse gas emissions, and pollution.

Our Environmental Commitment

We actively take steps to reduce our carbon footprint and support sustainability through:

- **Using renewable energy** where possible and reducing fuel consumption by switching off equipment and lights when not in use.
- **Implementing a strong waste and recycling policy**, including working with commercial recycling services and Terracycle schemes.
- **Ensuring the safe disposal of waste products**, such as antimicrobials and biohazardous materials, in compliance with regulations.
- **Reducing the release of anaesthetic gases**, which contribute to greenhouse gas emissions.
- **Carefully selecting the products we use and sell**, ensuring they align with our ethical and sustainability goals.
- **Managing stock efficiently** to minimise transport emissions and reduce waste.
- **Appointing a sustainability champion** within our practice to help drive positive change.
- **Staying up to date with environmental regulations** and best practices, regularly reviewing our policies and actions.
- **Providing training to our team**, ensuring all staff are engaged in our sustainability efforts.

As part of **VetPartners**, we share a commitment to sustainability across the veterinary industry. VetPartners has been awarded the Investors in the Environment (iE) Green level at Head Office, with at least 15% of its practices achieving Bronze or higher. The group is actively working towards carbon reduction targets for 2026 and 2030, publishing an annual sustainability report and providing training to Practice Managers and Clinical Directors.

VetPartners also collaborates with industry groups like **VetSustain**, supporting best practices for sustainability in both veterinary and farming sectors.

At **Mark Nelson Vets**, we believe that small actions lead to big changes. By working together, we can care for pets, people, and the planet—now and for the future.