



Annual Sustainability Report for 2022:

Milton Keynes Veterinary Group enrolled with Investors in the Environment in March 2022 to improve our sustainability as a practice, and focus on reducing our environmental impact whilst providing high level care to our patients.

Since establishing a Green Team, we have worked hard to collect data on our electricity, gas, water, paper, waste and anaesthetic gas usage. We have continued to expand our understanding of areas we can improve our sustainability. CPD events such as London Vet Show were an ideal opportunity for team members to gather ideas on new products and approaches to sustainable veterinary practice.

We have made substantial improvements to our recycling through improved signage, quantity and location of recycling bins, and sustainable clinical waste bins for waste disposal (Biobins). We also encourage soft plastics recycling which is collected by team members and taken to supermarkets or Charity Recycling MK. We have audited our electrical items and implemented changes to ensure items are switched off when not in use. Our team have adopted reusable scrub hats for theatre and we now commonly use water-free hand disinfection prior to surgery.

We are exploring ways to develop the outside areas at our branches to encourage wildlife.

Comparing our baseline year (2021) to 2022 we have achieved an 8% reduction in electricity usage and a 19% reduction in gas usage. We are continuing to obtain a baseline year for waste and clinical waste measurements, which we will review in 2023. Our carbon footprint for 2021 was 267.34 tCO<sub>2</sub>e.

We are a passionate team, determined to reduce our environmental impact while maintaining our current high standard of care. In September 2022 we achieved Bronze Level accreditation with Investors in the Environment. This is testament to the hard work from the whole team to achieve this in such a short space of time.

