

**INVESTORS
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Acorn House is a veterinary hospital which specialises in small animal care. At Acorn House we strive to provide a high standard of first opinion care in a friendly environment, serving our local community and providing a supportive educational environment for students and veterinary professionals at all stages of their careers. We acknowledge that our operations have an effect on the environment and have identified our key environmental aspects that contribute to our environmental and carbon footprint:

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

Acorn House is committed to reducing its environmental impact through a journey of continual improvement by working through the Investors in the Environment accreditation scheme.

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

- Compliance with all applicable environmental regulations and public/customer expectations
- Monitoring our key resource usage and implementing conservation techniques to achieve our environmental targets
- Implement a waste/recycling policy and sustainable procurement policy
- Minimising unsustainable transport
- Take part in a One Health sustainability project with our staff
- Working with suppliers to ensure they acknowledge and decrease the environmental impact of their products and transportation
- Publishing and distribution of an annual organizational sustainability report

We will continue to improve our environmental management system by working to the Investors in the Environment (iE) criteria, <https://www.iie.uk.com/register/award-levels/> 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.

Gaynor Dudley and Rosie Theakston are our Sustainability Champions and have designated responsibility for the day-to-day implementation of this policy.

Acorn House will make this policy available when requested to interested parties including members of the public, including making a copy available on the Practice's website www.acornhousevets.co.uk

This policy will be reviewed annually as part of the organisation's management plan.

Signed: *K. Nelson*

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Position: Practice Principal