

Sustainability policy

As a membership body we specialise in providing products and services that educate and support members of the equine veterinary profession. At BEVA we are committed to supporting equine veterinary professionals thrive in their job role so that as a profession we can achieve high standards of equine health and welfare.

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 as follows:

- Consumption of electricity, gas, water and other fuels
- Transport emissions
- Procured goods and services with their own environmental impact
- Delivery of our products and services

Our Board of Management are committed to encouraging a sustainable, safe, and healthy work environment for all employees, volunteers and to delivering our products and services in a sustainable way.

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

- Compliance with all applicable standards, laws, requirements, regulations and public/customer expectations
- Monitor our key resource usage and implementing conservation techniques to achieve our environmental targets
- Use our platform to influence and encourage members of the profession to be mindful of their impact on the environment
- Implement a digital first approach including transitioning our membership to an online model and using paperless registration for BEVA events
- Implement a waste/recylcing policy
- Minimise unsustainable transport through the development of a travel plan
- Work with suppliers to ensure they acknowledge and decrease the environmental impact of their products and transportation

We will continue to improve our environmental management system by considering any changes in legislation, our organisation and other factors. We will convey this policy to all our employees and ensure that they are provided with training to increase awareness of environmental matters.

Our Sustainability Working Group has been set up to help the profession identify and tackle environmental impacts associated with equine care. They work together with other organisations and groups, aiming to highlight the specific challenges in equine practice whilst unifying actions within the complex effort towards more sustainable practices. Updates on their projects as well as advice and guidance can be found on our website.

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