

Online interactive training
and education program

ARE YOU READY TO BE A CLIMATE CHAMPION?

Climate Care Program

Helping vet teams
reduce emissions
and become
environmentally
sustainable

As vet teams, we are guardians of, and advocates for, animal health. Being more sustainable is a practical way to reduce our impact on the environment, and provides leadership and inspiration to pet owners, farmers and wildlife carers that we all need to do more.

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BENEFITS TO YOUR PRACTICE



**REDUCE
YOUR
ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT**



**MOTIVATE
AND
EDUCATE
YOUR TEAM**



**HELP
PROTECT
ANIMAL
HABITATS**



**REDUCE
COSTS AND
ADD VALUE**

Other benefits include increased client loyalty, attracting and retaining the best staff, and networking opportunities!



Veterinary Nurse, Gina and her team pictured at a Climate Care 'Lunch & Learn' session!

START YOUR JOURNEY TO NET ZERO...

Engage your team in fun, tangible and rewarding actions to reduce your environmental impact and improve the health and welfare of the animals you care for!



How it works and what you'll learn

The Climate Care Program empowers a 'Climate Champion' in each clinic to work with your team to implement changes that improve environmental sustainability in veterinary practice. You'll learn about the following topics:

-  **Water for Life:** Where our water comes from and the impacts of climate change on our water supply. Assess your water use and make simple changes to save money and protect our precious water resources.
-  **No Time to Waste:** What happens to waste and how this contributes to climate change. Learn how to be more efficient at using and disposing of resources to reduce your costs and keep waste out of landfill.
-  **Energy Efficiency:** How our energy use contributes to climate change and understanding energy use in your practice. Implement simple changes to improve your energy efficiency and save money.
-  **The Power of Renewables:** The types of renewable energy and how your practice can purchase, produce, store and use energy from renewable sources. Start reducing your carbon footprint so your practice can eventually become carbon neutral!
-  **Buying for a Better Future:** Introduces the concepts of ethical procurement and the circular economy and explores the buying power of practices and how we can use this to advocate for better products and services.
-  **Healthcare without Harm:** Using anaesthetic gases, pharmaceuticals, disinfectants, and other chemicals to care for your patients and keep your teams safe while minimising their environmental impact.

Here's what Climate Champions participating in the preliminary launch are saying...

"I'm learning about climate change, and how our practice can be more climate friendly. It feels like I've been given the power to make a difference." Teresa, Veterinarian

The background info about climate issues is well presented. It's good to have a comprehensive plan for reducing our impact. It can save money, it can help staff morale and... it may make a difference for clients. Catherine, Veterinarian

Being part of this program has actually helped us to hire staff. That along with the benefits of water saving has been amazing! Kelly, Practice Manager

Thorough information, detailed resources, relevant to the vet industry. Tamara, Hospital Administrator

[Our] staff are having a lot more conversations around climate action. They're coming up with ideas... and wanting to be involved, particularly around waste management. Jenny, Veterinarian

I'm very impressed with the level of detail and practical applications that are involved. Will, Veterinarian

Some of the positive changes that have been made by Climate Champions...

- ✓ Flow regulators installed on taps.
- ✓ Rain water tank connected to toilets.
- ✓ Updated protocols for washing laundry, scrubbing packs and scrubbing for surgery.
- ✓ Recycling stations implemented in convenient places.
- ✓ Recycling of masks, syringes and fluid bags.
- ✓ Worm farms installed.
- ✓ Increased signage and information to remind staff about how they can minimise their impact.
- ✓ LED lighting installed.