# **CARECARBON**SUSTAINABILITY NEWS!

"CareVet Teams are dedicated to reducing our carbon pawprint while pursuing best medicine"

#### Welcome!

Whether you are new to CareVet or new to the net-zero sustainability campaign, this newsletter will help serve as a way to stay up-to-date on programs and initiatives going on throughout the network, as well as, things you and our HQ team can do right now to make our office more sustainable!



#### **Program Recap:**

CareVet has set its eyes on becoming Carbon Neutral with an ambitious goal of 2026. At our hospital level, we are focusing on waste management, energy efficiency, water efficiency, and creating a culture of sustainability among our teams and clients.

Here at HQ we are going to be following a similar path! Starting this next month we are going to be focusing on our waste levels, eventually moving onto energy and water efficiency here as well!

#### Things To Look Out For: April - May

- The launch of our "Refill Revolution"
  - Stay tuned as we try to eliminate the use of single-use plastics (such as water bottles) from our HQ Daily Culture!
- The launch of "Pawprint Pickup"
  - Recycle your empty pet food bags, here at HQ! Bin Locations TBD.
- Team sustainability surveys
- Team merchandise

#### **Arbor Day Foundation Partnership:**

CareVet has partnered with the Arbor Day Foundation to help us achieve our goal of carbon neutrality in such an ambitious time-frame! Together we will aim to help plant/preserve 200,000+ Trees, with a continual partnership in the years to come!





### What can you do right now?

- Start recycling at your home! One of the easiest ways to bring sustainable habits into your work lifestyle is to start practicing in the comfort of your home!
- Start a collection of empty pet food bags for your clients and team members! These can be recycled 99% of the time!
- Start using a reusable water bottle or mug at work/home! Try to eliminate as much single-use plastic (for example: water bottles) from your daily lifestyle as possible!
- Send in pictures of your team members participating in sustainability practices for shoutouts in the monthly newsletter, as well as, chances to win team lunches and prizes!
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# Sustainability Practices You Can Start Today, Here And At Home!

- Place recycling bins in easily accessible locations! Let us know if your team would like more available.
- Break down cardboard and recycle at your nearest recycling location!
- Unplug non-essential devices when not in use!
- Turn off non-essential lights when not in use!
- Be aware of water usage and pay attention to how often faucets are left running!
- Reduce order frequency for office supplies, to reduce packaging and waste!
- Only run dishwashers and laundry machines when loads are full or items are needed! This will help reduce water usage!

## For Our Wonderful Field Team and Remote Team Members!

- Locate your nearest recycling facility for different items, that aren't picked up!
- Keep a recycling bin next to your waste bin!
- Rinse and dry before recycling food and drink containers!
- Get your friends and families involved!
- Think sustainable as you travel!



"There is no such thing as 'away', when we throw anything away it must go somewhere. When we put the whole picture together, recycling is the right thing to do." -Annie Leonard, Sustainability Advocate

- Reach out to your sustainability lead, Christian Thornberry, with any questions or concerns you may have about the program so far or about the future!
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