



## Maryland Green Registry MEMBER

The Maryland Green Registry promotes and recognizes sustainable practices at organizations of all types and sizes. Members agree to share at least five environmental practices and one measurable result while striving to continually improve their environmental performance.

# Belvedere Veterinary Center

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Veterinary Center

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## Management and Leadership

### Environmental Policy Statement

*The Belvedere Veterinary Center is committed to reducing its impact on the environment and strives to improve compliance by conducting periodic reviews of company practices which include sourcing environmentally friendly products, recycling any and all applicable materials and limit waste as best as possible.*

*We are committed to the environment as it extends to our customers, staff and community and are always welcome to suggestions and tips from them.*

*Our dedication to the notion of being green is based on:*

- 1. Compliance with environmental regulations.*
- 2. Prevent pollution whenever possible.*
- 3. Train our staff on the current environmental policies and encourage them to participate and contribute.*
- 4. Communicate our commitment to our clients and offer environmentally safe and bio degradable products when applicable.*
- 5. Insuring that we match our growth with our ability to keep pace with best environmental practices.*

### Environmental Team

*Our team at the Belvedere Veterinary Center is committed to promoting environmental friendly practices and is helpful in identifying and sourcing green products applicable to the hospital for use and for sale. The team meets every month to discuss ways of streamlining and augmenting operations which certainly include green practices. In our last meeting, one of our techs suggested we replace all cotton towels with fleece. Fleece can be placed in cages that are comfortable, non absorbent and come out of the*

*laundry virtually dry which eliminates the need for prolonged drying times and saves the practice money.*

**Environmentally Preferable Purchasing**

*We purchase recycled paper, recyclable medical supplies and dispense medication in recyclable packaging. We also sell environmentally friendly products like our biodegradable poop bag dispensers and refills.*

## Waste

**Solid Waste Reduction and Reuse**

*We are a digital office and use relatively little paper. We've been able to reuse some of our office paper by having it shredded and repurposed as a litter substitute for the hospital cat Bandida. Even in her own way, she's contributing toward helping the environment!*

*IV lines are reused for urine collection and IV bags are used to cover bandages to keep them clean and dry. We also use rechargeable batteries on all of our battery operated tools to reduce battery waste.*

**Recycling**

*We recycle cardboard, empty cans of pet food, medical supplies, glass, plastics, and light bulbs. We estimate that we recycle approximately 600 lbs of cardboard annually.*

**Hazardous Waste/Toxic Use Reduction**

*Our X-Ray machines are digital so we have eliminated the use of developer. We also use a neutral floor cleaner which is environmentally safe and have painted the hospital with zero emissions paints.*

## Energy

**Energy Efficiency**

*The hospital's thermostat is set to operate at different levels during operational hours but drop down to preset low levels when closed.*

*Our refrigerator that houses vaccines is energy efficient as is our paper shredder which automatically turns itself off when not in use.*

## Transportation

### **Efficient Business Travel**

*Hospital staff ride share when conducting house calls or during inclement weather.*

## Water

### **Water Conservation**

*Prior to the Belvedere Veterinary Center occupying the current space, it used to be a restaurant. Restaurants typically use large volumes of water but we do not. As a consequence, we enacted a retrofit program, contacted the city and downsized our piping to accommodate our modest needs. Aerators in faucets and low flush toilets have been installed in the hospital to help conserve water.*

### **Stormwater Management and Site Design**

*Our building has a rain water catch and collection system built to repurpose water for the landscaping around the building perimeter. During dry spells, this surplus of water helps preserve flora that beautifies our block.*



*Help build a greener, more sustainable Maryland through voluntary practices that reduce environmental impacts and save money.*

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