Dickinson-McNeill, PA Veterinary Clinic Environmental Mission Statement

Dickinson-McNeill, PA is committed to finding opportunities within both our operations and business services to promote environmentally sound choices for our employees, our customers, our community, and our home: the Earth. To achieve this objective, Dickinson-McNeill, PA seeks to:

- 1. Conduct its daily operations in ways which contribute to the health and well-being of its employees and members, as well as the community, the nation and the earth we inhabit;
- 2. Tailor its business products and services to encourage and reward environmentally sound choices by its suppliers and customers in any way possible;
- 3. Conduct its business activities (including procurement and disposal) in the most environmentally sound manner possible, and encourage its business partners and customers to do the same;
- 4. Support organizations and programs whose objectives and actions contribute to a safe, clean and healthy environment for all; and
- 5. Provide and support educational and other opportunities that raise consciousness among our members and our community about atmospheric carbon deposits and other serious environmental threats.

The most difficult piece of meeting our eco-friendly goals in changing our minds about what is important to us and our community. We strive to:

- ✓ Use all possible pieces of "scrap" paper for another use (such as shredding it to replace litter for feline overnight cases).
- ✓ Turn off lights in rooms not in use, and at peak sunlight hours when opening the blinds provides adequate light for working.
- ✓ Turn down the thermostat at night and on weekends, and wear a sweater when it's a little chilly.
- ✓ Perform monthly insulation inspections of our facility to ensure that outside air is not conflicting with heating the building.
- ✓ Operate a company-owned hybrid vehicle and picking up employees for work. This is used only when our employees cannot walk or bike to work (inclimate weather).
- ✓ Make all attempts to purchase goods produced in the USA by eco-friendly companies, to reduce energy wasted through overseas shipping.
- ✓ Share our knowledge and experiences and learn from others.

To further our mission, employees have identified and planted trees on our property, used pet & eco-friendly ice melter in the winter, replaced bottled water with a filtered pitcher, donated time to clean up trash in our community, and supported recycling programs by providing bins at our facility.