

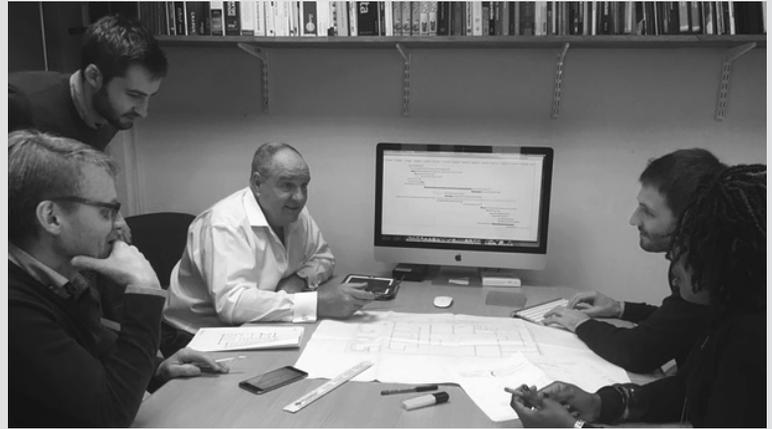


# Veterinary Brochure

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Established Experts in Veterinary and Animal  
Welfare Design and Building Management





## WHO WE ARE

**A**CD Projects is an award winning, multi-disciplinary construction management practice that specialises in veterinary and animal welfare facilities.

For over 25 years, Alex Darvill and his team at ACD have been helping veterinary professionals and animal welfare charities design and build their ideal animal care facility.

Our projects have included veterinary practices; referral hospitals – including large or small animal and equine; animal shelters and boarding facilities.

We create amazing buildings our clients can be proud of – each one is a flagship project for our clients and is personal to us too.

Our goal? To simply deliver the best build, within an optimal time frame and within your budget.

**Alex Darvill**  
Managing Director

## WHAT WE DO

If you are considering a refurbishment or extension to your existing practice, a conversion or even a new build, ACD Projects are the veterinary specialists to manage and design your venture.

With over 150 such projects on our books, and a vast number of clients, no project is too big or too small. We manage and design construction projects at all levels and budgets and use our expertise and experience to deliver great results.

We can take control of your project from concept to completion, leaving you free to manage the day-to-day running of your business.

Here at ACD we completely understand the needs of UK veterinary practices and have also worked internationally to deliver the facilities veterinary professionals need to provide high quality care.

For any issue relating to a veterinary build, whether it's troubleshooting or evaluating your options, we can help. Why not contact us to find out more, or book a free no obligation consultation.

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More than **25** years' experience

# HOW WE WORK...

## FREE INITIAL MEETING

To understand your specific situation and requirements, and to further explain our services to you, we offer a free, no obligation, initial consultation anywhere in the UK.

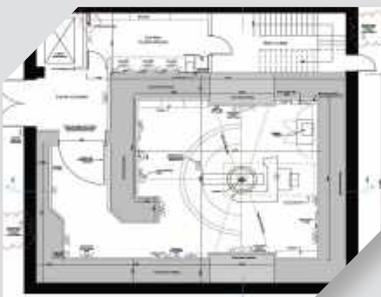
If you are further afield we may suggest a phone call in the first instance to see how we might be able to help.



## 3 - TENDER

We can advise on all types of procurement methods, including 'Traditional' as well as 'Design-and-Build' and 'Negotiated' forms of contract.

Whichever option you choose, we will compile a highly detailed set of drawings and 'room data sheets', which include everything from the materials and finishes to the necessary mechanical and electrical information requirements.



## 1 - FEASIBILITY

Whether it's an existing building you're looking to improve or expand, or an empty site you wish to build on, you'll need a feasibility study to start.

This study will help explain the options available, so you can assess whether your project is viable and commercially right for you.



## 4 - CONTRACT

We will then give you our professional judgement and recommendations to help you choose the right builder for you.

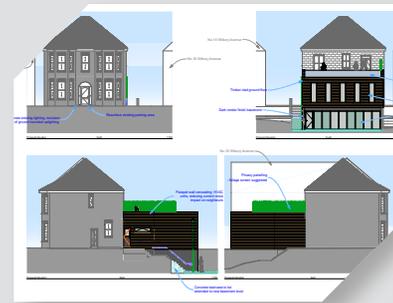
We can also assist you by preparing a contract of appointment for the contractor and, if required, prepare a letter of intent for the commencement of the contract.



## 2 - PLANNING

Once you're happy with the design and layout of your new building, we'll help you get planning permission.

We understand the planning process and planning law and also know our sector. This means we can pre-empt the pitfalls that might otherwise delay your application.



## 5 - PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Once your build starts, our project management team take over, reviewing the construction, monitoring the contract, and dealing with the contractor's questions, variation requests, and any issues that arise.

Our team will run your build efficiently, while you focus on maintaining business continuity.



# CASE STUDY...



## The London Cat Clinic, Bermondsey, London

The London Cat Clinic's mission and purpose is 'For the Love of Cats', and this ethos has been evident throughout every aspect of the project. Founder and Clinical Director, Dr Jeremy Campbell, is a feline fanatical veterinarian who wanted to create a truly cat-friendly environment.

Having found a suitable location in Bermondsey, work started on site in January 2017 and it was completed the following May. By the end of the year, the practice had been awarded Overall Winner and winner in the 'conversion category' of the BVHA 2017 Practice Design Awards.

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On this build we took on multiple consultancy roles, including mechanical and electrical engineering which, as with all veterinary practices, formed a large proportion of the project.

We also supplied veterinary specific know-how and specifications, ensuring that the best materials and finishes were used to create a practical working environment.



Our advice on this project helped ensure it was recognised as a Gold Standard Cat Friendly Clinic by the International Society of Feline Medicine. Managing the quantity surveying and the financial management of the build, we were able to bring this project in within budget for the client.

The overall result really is a stunning building with the practicalities that make it an award winning veterinary practice.

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***“Bringing Alex and his team on to our project was instrumental in its success.***

*Alex’s practical experience of veterinary fit-outs, deep experience of project management and pragmatic push to get things done was invaluable as we navigated the perils and pitfalls of our first foray into building our own clinic. We did not know what we did not know, and we always felt that Alex had our back and was looking out for our best interests. He managed the inevitable tensions between our architect’s ambitions and our contractors’ realities with a winning clinic.”*

***James Hartley, Partner, The London Cat Clinic***



# WHY ASK THE SPECIALISTS...

## RECEPTIONS

This is essentially your shop front and we work with you to make this reflect your brand & vision.

We also understand the importance of creating a stress-free environment for your clients, from the moment they walk in.



## CONSULTATION ROOMS

With every project we complete we gain a better insight into what practices need from this important space. Our focus is on creating a great working environment, providing the space you need to attend to patients of all shapes and sizes.



## PREPARATION AREAS

All of our cattery and kennelling units are designed in such a way to take into consideration heating, lighting and ventilation requirements, which helps create a stress-free environment and allows good interaction between staff and animals.



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## OPERATING THEATRES

By using the latest in hygienic antibacterial wall claddings and LED lighting, we always design our Theatres to the highest standard. We also like to include innovative features, such as pass-through cupboards that allow easy transfer of equipment.



## AIRFLOW

We understand how air needs to flow and how many air changes your theatre needs to stay sterile.

We love moving forward with our designs and are currently developing the first veterinary practice in the UK with laminar flow technology.



## 3D DESIGN

By using our computer software to design and model the practice in 3D, we can then produce images and videos for the client's benefit as well as for the contractor's understanding.



## IMAGING FACILITIES

Installing specialist imaging equipment, such as CT scanners, requires specialist knowledge.

ACD has built many fully lead lined rooms and is familiar with what needs to be done to meet RPA standards.



## DOG WARD DESIGN

Our knowledge of appropriate layouts, materials and finishes in relation to dog wards is second to none.

We understand the stresses and strains this room goes through and we can make sure your building is fit for purpose, as well as comfortable for your patients.



## CAT WARD DESIGN

Working with veterinary specialists has helped us refine our ideas about what the perfect cat ward needs to feature to meet International Cat Care Gold Standards and create the best environment for feline patients.



## SPECIALIST EQUIPMENT

We are experienced project managers and designers of Linear Accelerator bunkers.

Our knowledge also includes the installation of state-of-the-art hydrotherapy pools and water treadmills.



