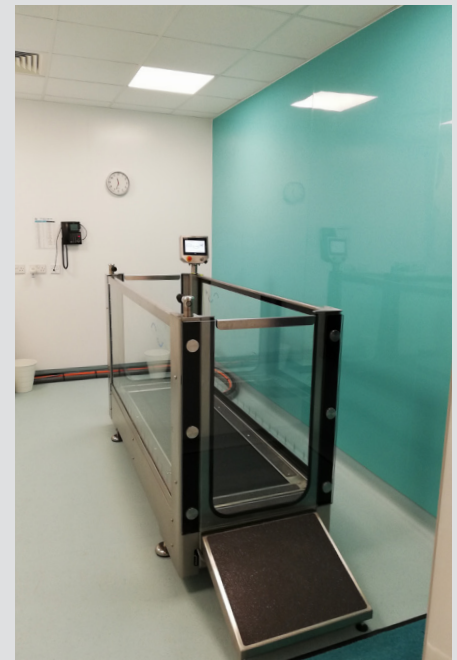




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WHO WE ARE

ACD 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 200 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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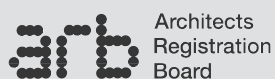
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More than **25** years' experience

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.

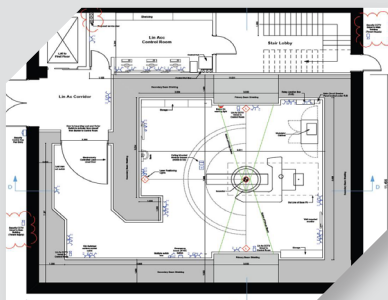
If you are further afield we may suggest a phone call or Teams meeting in the first instance to see how we might be able to help.



3 - TENDER

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

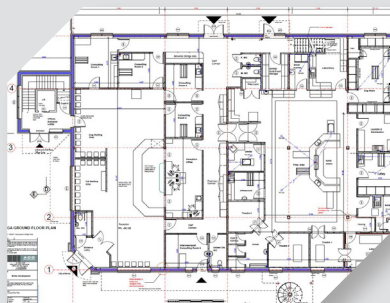
Whichever option you choose, we will compile a highly detailed set of drawings and 'room data sheets', which include everything from the materials and finishes to the necessary mechanical and electrical information requirements.



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.



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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...

WILBURY[®]

Wilbury Vets, Hove, Completed: 2021

In 2018 ACD Projects was approached by Anne and Peter of Wilbury Vets to help them design the extension and renovation of their existing practice.



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Winners of the **"Refurbishment"** category at the prestigious British Veterinary Hospital Association Design Awards, 2021.



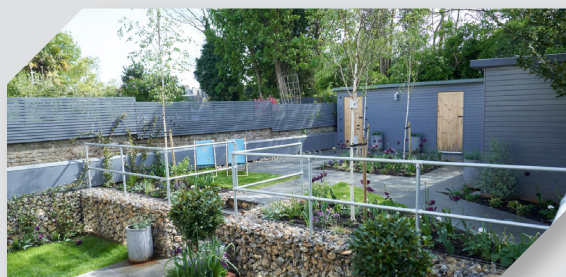
The proudly independent veterinary practice has been operating out of their existing building since the 1960s, with Peter and Anne taking over the practice in the mid-90s.

The family owned practice offers a bespoke first opinion practice as well as a range of referral services to veterinarians based in and around Sussex. The practice's ongoing success has meant their workload has expanded dramatically, and their original building was no longer able to accommodate this rapid growth.

While it would have been a simpler task to design a new practice at a different site, the original Wilbury Vets building is in an ideal location and is well known by the local community. Therefore, ACD Projects worked closely with Wilbury to transform the existing building to enable it to fully cater to the needs of the ever expanding business.



With limited space for an extension, ACD Projects elected to deepen the practice basement to make space for additional wards. And the internals of the building were also reconfigured to create a more efficient and practical flow for the practice.



The philosophy for this project was to create an intimate environment to enable the practice to continue to provide personal, high-quality care for their patients. Wilbury prides themselves on their empathetic and heartfelt approach to animal care and wanted a space that felt, 'more like home and less like a hospital' to reflect this. By combining ACD Project's extensive veterinary experience with Wilbury's excellent attention to detail, this objective was successfully achieved.

The result? A stunning practice that is fully able to accommodate and support the high level of comfort and care that Wilbury Vets continues to provide to the local community.

"We met with a few architectural firms prior to embarking on our project at Wilbury and chose ACD because they had a wealth of experience, a can-do attitude and most importantly really listened to what we wanted. We had a very clear vision of how our practice should look and feel and ACD respected and enabled this all of the way. We, of course, had no idea how to achieve the build nor how to maximise the layout of our unusual site - which is where they excelled. Leaving us to do the fun bits of interior design and detail (and shopping!). We have a really special practice now - achieved during a year of COVID and lockdowns. They are also a very nice bunch of people! 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. Alex managed the inevitable tensions between our architect's ambitions and our contractors' realities with an outstanding clinic."

Anne Greenwood, Wilbury Vets



WHY ASK THE SPECIALISTS...

RECEPTIONS

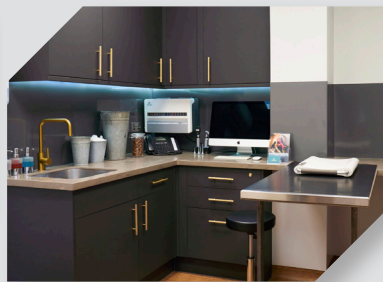
This is essentially your shop front and we work with you to make this reflect your brand & vision.

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.



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.



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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.



