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XLVets

Around the World for Send a Cow

Members of the XLVet community, a collaborative group of independent veterinary practices across the UK, have raised over **£15,571** for Send a Cow in a recent charity challenge to travel the world without an engine!

To mark the 10th anniversary of XLVets, all 53 member practices together travelled a total of **34,727** miles to complete the challenge, the equivalent of almost one and a half times around the world, by running, kayaking, swimming, cycling and walking their way throughout the UK.



Above: XLVets members took part in the challenge across the country

Alex Cooper of Pembrokeshire based Fenton Vets, raised the most, totalling £1,966.04, whilst his practice also clocked up the furthest distance, travelling 4,516 miles. “The day took some coordinating with a horsebox carrying bikes and kayaks,” says Alex. “The enthusiasm created amongst the team meant it became the talking point within the practice for weeks. It even reached the local press!

“We have already decided that it will become an annual event with invites extended to clients as well as all XLVets member practices,” he adds.

Doing their share of the challenge were a team of XLVets Directors Nick Eames, Andy Adler, and David Black and XLVets Chief Executive Andrew Curwen (banner photo above). The team cycled to the XLVets AGM in Liverpool from their dispersed locations back in June, clocking up over 800 miles between them in just 2 days. Andrew Curwen says “By riding across Britain, it was a great opportunity to engage with the people we met and talk to them about the work that the charity undertakes.”



Above: XLVets presenting their cheque to Sophie Porfirio, Corporate Partnership Manager

Jane Simpson, event organiser adds:

“ The XLVets practices have shown how independant practices can work together to achieve amazing results. The generosity of all those that have supported our efforts will make a real difference to the charities. It's a great achievement and I am sure that the resourceful and competitive nature of all of our members will mean that our fundraising efforts for Send a Cow will not stop here. ”