CASE STUDY

ARCHITECTURE

GRAHAM SIBBALD



7,500 SQ FT ACRES VETS PRACTICE FIT-OUT COMPLETED IN AIRDRIE

TEAM
Graham + Sibbald Architecture

CLIENT
Inspiring Vet Care Ltd, Acres Vets

LOCATION
Acres Vets, Airdrie, Scotland

DATES
2026

PROJECT SUMMARY
Graham + Sibbald Architecture has delivered a modern, fully accessible veterinary facility for Acres Vets and Inspiring Vet Care Ltd.

SUMMARY

Graham + Sibbald Architecture has successfully delivered the comprehensive refurbishment and fit-out of a former 7,500 sq. ft automotive retail unit at Airdrie Retail Park, creating a modern, fully accessible veterinary practice for Acres Vets and Inspiring Vet Care Ltd. Developed through close collaboration with the client, practice team and specialist consultants, the new facility includes dedicated cat and dog waiting areas, five consulting rooms, laboratory and dispensary facilities, dental and X-ray rooms, isolation wards and two operating theatres.



APPROACH & SERVICES PROVIDED

Graham + Sibbald Architecture collaborated closely with Inspiring Vet Care Ltd (IVC) and the Acres Vets team from the earliest stages of the project, undertaking site appraisals across North Lanarkshire to identify the most suitable location for the practice's relocation. Following the selection of a unit at Airdrie Retail Park, our team developed and reviewed multiple layout options to ensure the new facility would meet both current operational requirements and future growth plans.

As lead architect and principal designer, we delivered the design and coordination of the comprehensive refurbishment and fit-out of a vacant 7,500 sq ft retail unit. Working alongside specialist consultants and suppliers, including radiation protection and medical equipment specialists, we ensured full compliance with all relevant regulations while creating a modern, efficient and fully accessible veterinary facility.







KEY CHALLENGES

- Transforming a former automotive retail unit to a highly specialised veterinary practice with complex clinical and operational requirements.
- Integrating specialist medical facilities, including X-ray and operating theatres, while ensuring compliance with the Ionising Radiations Regulations 2017 and other healthcare standards.
- Designing a layout that supports efficient clinical workflows while providing a welcoming and accessible environment for clients, patients and staff, capable of accommodating long-term growth.
- Upgrading the building fabric to create an energy efficient, airtight envelope to reduce client running costs and reduced carbon output.



OUTCOME + RESULTS

- Successful delivery of a modern, fully accessible 7,500 sq. ft veterinary practice at Airdrie Retail Park.
- Creation of dedicated cat and dog waiting areas, five consulting rooms, laboratory facilities, medical dispensary, dental and X-ray suites, isolation wards and two operating theatres.
- Coordination and delivery of complex clinical and consulting environments with mechanical, electrical and specialist services interfaces.
- Final design allows Acres Vets to significantly expand its capacity and enhance the delivery of high-quality veterinary care to both existing and new clients.
- Delivered a future-proofed facility that supports the continued growth of the practice and the wider ambitions of Inspiring Vet Care.

Before Image



Completed Image



WHY G+S ARCHITECTURE

G+S Architecture work across all property sectors within the built environment and operate extensively in offices, transport infrastructure and hubs, retail, commercial, residential, and public sector. We specialise in areas including adaptive reuse, existing buildings, historic properties, and maximising asset potential for our Clients across the UK. We bring a wide range of skills and expertise to our clients' projects including options appraisals, feasibility studies, master planning, energy efficiency fabric upgrade, new build and refurbishment knowledge, interior architecture, space planning, construction detailing, procurement guidance, and contract administration.

We work on some of the UK's highest-profile property developments but provide the same level of high-quality architectural service to all our clients irrespective of size. Our wider Graham + Sibbald corporate resources allow us to work as long-term partners with our clients and help them to achieve their business goals. Many of our projects are repeat commissions from existing clients which we believe demonstrates the quality of the architectural service which they receive.

Our architecture team provide support to all of our offices and client's projects across the UK. Each of our local teams is fully supported by the resources and expertise of our head office, ensuring the highest standard of service and expertise.

Graham + Sibbald Architecture provide a wide range of complimentary services to our core architectural offering. These are provided to meet our client's individual requirements which allows us to offer a bespoke service that meets each client's needs perfectly.

CLIENT TESTIMONIALS

Fiona Taylor, Property Project Manager, Inspiring Vet Care Ltd.
"It has been an absolute pleasure working with Graham + Sibbald Architecture on this project. They took our vision and brought it to life and have created a space that fits our needs. From design, pre-start meets to final fit out, they provided us with expertise and guidance. They listened to our needs, provided solutions to challenges; and were patient and responsive to any slight variation to scope. Working with them was a true collaboration."

Colin Elliot, Practice Director, Acres Vets.
"We were extremely impressed with the service provided by Graham + Sibbald Architecture throughout our recent build. From the outset, they demonstrated a high level of professionalism, expertise and commitment, and were always readily available to offer guidance and support. Their knowledge and assistance throughout the project were invaluable, helping to ensure the process progressed as smoothly as possible. We would have no hesitation in recommending their services."



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