

Laboratory case study

Animax Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk

Contractor
Timescale
Architect

Innova Design Group
3 Weeks
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Commercial

Founded by Scottish veterinarian Les Porter, Animax Limited is leading animal health company specialising in the research, development and manufacture of nutritional boluses, sheep dips and disinfectants.



Brief

As part of a re-development programme resulting from the company's expansion, Animax was looking to upgrade its research and production facilities with a larger suite of 3 labs to provide a state-of-the-art environment for the manufacture of veterinary medicines.

Fitted with wooden engineering benches which had originally been part of the facilities at Rolls Royce, Animax's existing lab space was cramped and outdated. In addition to completely refurbishing the room to optimise space, the company wanted to transform a section of warehousing into a multipurpose laboratory for R&D, housing both instruments and equipment. With the existing laboratory needing to remain operational while work was carried out, Animax required a rolling programme to allow the scientists to continue their work with minimal disruption.

“The environment Innova has created for us has made a remarkable difference: our team have more room to complete their work and can do so much more efficiently.”

Mark Powell, Laboratory Manager

Carcase | Manufactured from 18mm MF MDF
Worktops | Trespa Toplab Plus
Edging | ABS Colour matched edging

Seating | Ergonomic laboratory chair
Handles | Zinc alloy inset handles
Hinge | 240 ° pivot safety hinges

“
Innova’s service was
faultless ... we’re
very pleased with the
results.
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Mark Powell, Laboratory Manager



Solution

Innova worked closely with the Animax team to deliver a full turnkey solution including design, manufacture and install of furniture as well as M&E, utilities, flooring and decoration. Dividing the space into 3 separate rooms, Innova created a quality control laboratory with wet prep area, an equipment room where apparatus could be kept in isolation plus a small research and design laboratory. This now enables R&D scientists to work separately from their quality control colleagues, in line with industry regulations.

As the laboratory needed to operate whilst the refurbishment took place, Innova prepared a full 3 week programme of works detailing their anticipated schedule and timings for access to other trades.

In order to offer optimum space for sample management and write ups, as well as review and approval areas, Innova designed the QC lab with reagent shelving to provide additional storage for equipment. The R&D and Instruments and Equipment laboratory has been designed to support test activities, with perimeter benching and storage to house apparatus.

Durable, quality storage units coupled with anti-bacterial Trespa worktops ensures the labs are built to last - enabling Animax to continue to lead the way in veterinary medicine.