Is your data safe?

Backing up your computer system to protect your practice's data is one of those processes which is frequently overlooked, until the day comes when you experience a system failure. Don't put your practice at risk – read on to discover how to protect your clinic's most valuable resource.

Data is the single most important aspect of any practice's computer system; operating systems and applications can be easily restored, but data cannot! There is a particular heart-stopping, stomach churning panic reserved for that specific moment when you realise you have lost digital data.

While a single piece of work can be restored with a rather frustrating exercise of re-typing, it is worth asking yourself how your practice would cope if all your documents, patient files and client details disappeared.

System failures can and do still occur even when the highest standards are maintained as carefully as possible. Disasters such as flood and fire can destroy hardware, and data can be lost or corrupted maliciously by computer theft or damage.

However, according to a report by the Graziadio School of Business and Management, human error accounts for 30 per cent of all data loss incidents. This includes users accidentally deleting files and damaging hardware by mistake, such as dropping a laptop.

A simple and effective solution

Whatever the cause, there is a significant chance that an organisation will experience data loss at some point. A study by business internet provider, Beaming, concluded that almost 50 per cent of UK businesses fail to follow an adequate backup process, and 17 per cent of those surveyed failed to back up their business data at all.

Fortunately, with AT Veterinary Systems' backup processes, you can rely on your backup copy and restore all your files and data. Backing up your practice's data is such a simple task that only minimal effort is required to safeguard against permanent data loss.

Automated backups

The days of relying on cassette-style tapes are over, and data is now saved onto a small external storage device such as a USB hard drive or USB flash drive.