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KBVE Newsletter January 2025 Edition

Chair's Message

Welcome to the first newsletter from the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners (KBVE). We're excited to launch this new regular communication designed to keep you informed about the Board's work, key updates, and issues affecting the veterinary profession in Kentucky. Our goal is to make these newsletters digestible, straightforward, and written in plain language so you can quickly find the information you need.

Thank you for your dedication to the animals and people of Kentucky. Let's make 2025 a productive and impactful year together!



John C. Park, DVM
Equine Veterinarian
KBVE Chair

KBVE Mission

The mission of the KBVE is to regulate and ensure professional competency for veterinarians, veterinary technicians, allied animal health professionals, and animal euthanasia specialists in the Commonwealth of Kentucky for the safety and well-being of animal health as well as the confidence of the public in the services provided by members of the profession.

Regulatory Activity

Facility Registrations, AAHP permits, and Fee Schedule Updates

KBVE filed two sets of regulations in September and October 2024. Filed regulations can be viewed on KBVE's website on the [Practice Act page](#), and online with the [Kentucky Legislative Research Commission](#). Each set had a public comment period. The Board will review all comments received and make appropriate changes to the proposed regulations at an upcoming meeting.

We encourage feedback from licensees on these changes to ensure they meet the needs of the veterinary community. Send comments to Vet@ky.gov.

Survey Question: Your Input Matters!

The KBVE wants to hear from you!

What are your thoughts on expanding the allied animal health professional (AAHP) permit in Kentucky?

Take this [two-minute survey here](#). Responses due by January 27.

Grievance Case Spotlight

Transparency in Action

KBVE Agency Grievance # 2023-04:

- A file review conducted by staff revealed that a veterinarian licensee had been misreporting continuing education (CE) during past licensure renewal periods.

- Following investigation, it was discovered that the licensee falsified their renewal paperwork and failed to account for the appropriate amount of required CE for at least the past eight (8) renewal cycles.
- The Board entered into a settlement agreement with the licensee, which included:
 - Fine of \$16,000;
 - Completion of an additional 90 hours of CE over the next three years (in addition to the CE due for renewal); and
 - Board to conduct unannounced monitoring for a period of two years.
- Timeline:
 - January 2023 - Case opened
 - November 2023 - Settlement agreement reached
 - 2026 - Case monitoring by the Board for completion of deliverables

This spotlight is part of our effort to illustrate the Board's role in maintaining professionalism and protecting the public interest.

KBVE is Hiring Investigators!

Proposals are due February 5 by 2:00 pm EST.

Interested in working with the KBVE to enforce the Kentucky Veterinary Medicine Practice Act? Review and respond to a current KBVE Request for Proposal (RFP) for Investigative Services. Individuals who apply must be licensed as a veterinarian or veterinary technician in Kentucky.

To learn more about this opportunity and how to apply, please visit the Kentucky Vendor Self Service System at <https://finance.ky.gov/eProcurement/Pages/default.aspx> by following these instructions:

- Click on the "Vendor Self Service (VSS)" button in the blue box.
- On the new page in the blue navigation bar, click on "View Published Solicitations".
- In the Keyword Search, type "veterinary".
- Click on the listing for "KBVE Investigative Services" – RFP-310-2500000174-1.
- To apply, download the RFP PDF and **follow all instructions** to produce a responsive bid.
- Application packages must be submitted to the address in the RFP no later than February 5, 2025, at 2 pm EST.

[eProcurement and Kentucky's Vendor Self Service \(VSS\) System](#)

National Highlights and News You Can Use

What's Happening Across the Country

- Veterinary Professional Associate (VPA, i.e., the Mid-Level Practitioner): [Colorado Prop 129 passed](#) and the Colorado State Board of Veterinary Medicine is currently working on regulations to govern this new profession.
- New Vet Schools: Updates on construction and accreditation efforts for new veterinary schools: [Map and Accreditation Status Table](#).

Stay informed about how these national trends may impact Kentucky.

Recent Board Meeting Highlights

November 21, 2024

At the November meeting:

- New licenses awarded:
 - 22 veterinarians
 - 31 licensed veterinary technicians (LVTs)
 - 11 animal euthanasia specialists (AESs)
 - 1 animal control agency (ACA)
 - 3 veterinary facility registrations
- Updates from the [Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association \(KVMA\)](#):
 - States with virtual VCPRs
 - Murray State Vet School proposal
 - Equine Dental Working Group and proposed 2025 legislation
- Clarifications from the Board on practice policies, including:
 - Selling vaccines to clients for home administration
 - Emergency euthanasia by licensed veterinary technicians (LVTs)
 - LVTs conducting in-home euthanasia under indirect supervision
 - Treatment obligations for unvaccinated animals
 - Definitions of surgery and related procedures
- Limits on special permittee scope of practice
- Strategic partner updates and initiatives
- Forthcoming changes to the KBVE State Jurisprudence Exam
- Review of public comments on regulations filed in September and October 2024
- Policy discussions on equine dental providers and Colorado Prop 129

For more information, visit the [KBVE Meetings page online](#) and check the meetings archive for minutes and past agendas.

Upcoming KBVE Meetings

2025 KBVE Board Meeting Schedule

All meetings begin at **1:00 PM EST** at the KBVE office unless otherwise noted.

- January 30, 2025
- March 20, 2025
- May 22, 2025
- July 31, 2025
- September 11, 2025
- November 20, 2025

KBVE Office Location:

4047 Iron Works Parkway, Suite 104
Lexington, KY 40511

Meetings are open to all licensees and the public. Your input helps shape the Board's decisions -- please join us! Agendas are posted three days in advance.

Starting in 2025, licensees may earn up to three (3) hours of free CE per year by attending a KBVE meeting.

Newsletter Feedback

Have comments about this newsletter, or ideas for future newsletter topics? Email Vet@ky.gov with your feedback and ideas!

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