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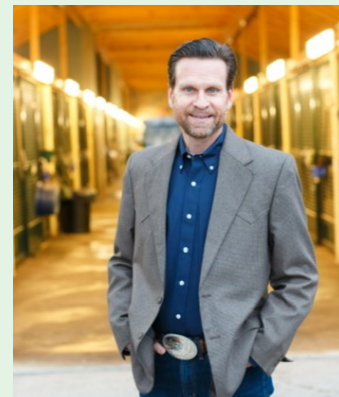
Chair's Message

The Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners (KBVE) remains committed to supporting our profession through clear regulations, transparency, and meaningful engagement with licensees. We're excited to bring you a new edition of the KBVE newsletter, keeping you informed about key updates and upcoming changes that impact veterinary medicine in Kentucky.

The Board would like to recognize our 2025 KBVE leadership:

- Chair: Dr. John Park
- Vice Chair: Dr. Gene Smith

Thank you for your dedication to the veterinary profession in Kentucky. Let's continue to make 2025 a great 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.

Licensee Demographics & Trends

KBVE closely tracks workforce changes to ensure Kentucky remains a strong and desirable place to practice veterinary medicine.

Key Changes since Renewal:

- Reduction of 186 veterinarians
- Reduction of 4 Licensed Veterinary Technicians (LVTs)

Good News! The number of non-renewals this year was lower than in previous years, showing that Kentucky continues to be an attractive place to practice.

Additionally, from November 22 - January 30, KBVE approved 31 new veterinarian, 7 new LVT, and 6 new animal euthanasia specialist (AES) licenses. Awarded licenses are documented in finalized board minutes online in the [Minutes Archive](#).

Did You Know?

Twice a year KBVE provides a **Licensee Demographics Report**, and at every regular meeting reviews a **Licensure Status Report**. These reports are available on the agency website [About KBVE page](#).

Grievance Case Spotlight

KBVE Agency Grievance # 2023-57:

- Sept 2023 - Complex case against three different veterinary facilities and multiple doctors.
- Jan 2024 - Responses submitted to the Board from licensees.
- Feb 2024 - KBVE Grievance Committee reviewed case file and ordered an investigation.
- March 2024 - Committee reviewed updated case file: original, detailed grievance, including video evidence, all licensee responses, and the investigative report.
 - All licensees in this case provided a narrative response along with excellent medical records.
 - Investigative Report and records revealed that there were repeated recommendations for bloodwork that the client declined.
 - Although the client claimed a medical diagnosis was missed, it was determined that the client-authorized tests that were run either could not or did not provide the information required for accurate diagnosis of the patient condition.
- The Committee ordered that this case be dismissed.

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

Board Funds

Where does KBVE funding come from, and how is it used?

KBVE is funded solely through licensing and service fees.

The Board does not receive any tax dollars. Collected fees fund all agency costs, including:

- Licensing of veterinarians and allied professions.
- Investigations and enforcement actions to uphold professional standards and respond to citizen complaints.
- Public outreach and continuing education compliance audits.
- Monitoring and response to national trends in regulation and regulatory updates for Kentucky practitioners.
- Partnership building with the General Assembly, other state agencies, and national partners.

Fee Increases.

Fees are expected to increase for veterinarian renewal in 2026, 2028, and 2030. Regulations are currently under review by the General Assembly, and are expected to go into effect this summer. KBVE will report on the fee schedule as soon as it is finalized.

Why the Change?

These updates allow KBVE to remain financially stable and responsive to citizens of Kentucky while ensuring licensees get value from their fees.

Future goal!

Once KBVE has saved enough for a one-year reserve, Members of the Board plan to invest funds and lower fees in future years.

News You Can Use

Legislative Update

KBVE is tracking key bills in the legislature during the 2025 Regular Session. This session began on January 7 and ends March 28.

- [SB 69](#) – Sens. [Webb](#) and [Howell](#) – AAHP Equine Dental Provider (EDP) bill.
- [HB 153](#) – Reps. [Imes](#), [Rudy](#), et al. (~20 sponsors total) – Murray State CVM build authority.
- [SB 80](#) – Sen. [Carroll](#) – Murray State CVM build authority.
- [SB 113](#) – Sens. [Howell](#), et al. (~14 sponsors total) – Murray State CVM build authority.
- [HB 69](#) – Rep. [Grossberg](#) – Rabies vaccine administration bill.
- [HB 194](#) – Rep. [Whitten](#) – Requires animal control officers to receive training on recognizing child abuse; with a duty to report.
- [HB 133](#) – Reps. [Doan](#) and [Roberts](#) – Allows universal recognition of occupational licenses and government certifications; includes work experience as a basis for licensure or certification.
- [SB 39](#) – Sen. [Elkins](#) – An Act related to animal fighting.
- [HB 87](#) – Reps. [Callaway](#), [Doan](#), [Hart](#) – Related to job opportunities for individuals with criminal convictions and associated requirements for licensing boards.
- [HB 103](#) – Reps. [Kulkarni](#) and [Brown Jr.](#) – similar to HB 87.

Licensees are encouraged to exercise individual civic rights by expressing your opinion on these bills to your own elected representatives. Who are your representatives? [Find your Legislator](#) in both the House and Senate on the Legislative Research Commission (LRC) website.

Board Meeting Highlights

Special Guests at KBVE's January 30 Meeting

NAVLE Testing

At the January 2025 KBVE meeting, KBVE welcomed Dr. Heather Case, DVM, and her team from the **International Council for Veterinary Assessment (ICVA)** to provide updates on NAVLE testing, policies, and upcoming changes. ICVA/NAVLE Key Takeaways:

- NAVLE test dates are now being offered three times per year beginning in the fall of 2025: March, July-August, and October-November test cycles.
- ICVA has a data set containing a 15 year span with 70,000 tests taken, which shows that 95% of candidates will pass NAVLE within three attempts.
- AVMA-COE requires accredited schools to post their pass rates online for each of the past 5 years.
- ICVA has recently revised their >5 Test Attempts Appeals Policy, and the majority of appeals are now being rejected.
- VPA/Mid-Level Practitioner Exam? ICVA has been approached about this but is not developing an exam at this time.
- NAVLE Practice Analysis: A job analysis survey will be sent across the profession in 2025 to help update exam topics. This is your chance to influence the content on the next iteration of NAVLE.

More information: [ICVA Website](#)

Animal Chiropractic Discussions & the AAHP Permit

KBVE also heard from representatives Jon Zeagler, DC and Gerald Johnson, DVM of the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association ([AVCA](#)), and representative Mr. Bharon Hoag with the International Veterinary Chiropractic Association ([IVCA](#)) about their support of animal chiropractic provider services allowable under Kentucky's Allied Animal Health Professional (AAHP) permit.

Main Topics Covered:

- The role of chiropractic care in animal health.
- How chiropractic services might fit into AAHP regulations.
- Critical communication between new AAHP providers and the primary care veterinarian.

KBVE will be posting responses to comments on the AAHP regulations on the [Practice Act page](#) in late February.

More meeting details will be available in ratified minutes published on the [Board Meetings page in the Minutes Archive](#).

Upcoming KBVE Meetings - Earn Free CE!

Next KBVE Meeting:

March 20, 2025 – 1:00 PM EST

Location:

KBVE Office, 4047 Iron Works Parkway, Suite 104, Lexington, KY 40511

2025 KBVE Board [Meeting Schedule is available online.](#)

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.

Get Involved: Your Voice Matters!

The KBVE wants to hear from You!

Facility Registration is Coming – All Veterinary Facilities must be registered with KBVE no later than **June 30, 2025**. The application form is still being finalized with LRC, but a few early applications have been accepted to help us analyze and refine the registration form.

What questions do you have about Facility Registrations?

[Provide your feedback here.](#) Responses due by February 28.

We'd like to learn more from licensees to help us clarify the process and provide guidance to ensure a smooth transition.

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