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## KBVE Newsletter April 2025 Edition

The modernized Kentucky Veterinary Medicine Practice Act requires that all veterinary facilities become registered with KBVE. Top reasons for this new requirement include providing solid data to help the Board and the General Assembly better understand the distribution of services across the commonwealth, placing appropriate boundaries on telehealth services, and enforcing the Act against unlicensed and fly-by-night practices.

Veterinary facilities must be registered by June 30, 2025. Don't wait until the deadline -- register your facility today! There are instructions below in the newsletter. If you have any questions about the application process, please reach



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out to the Board's staff at  
[Vet@ky.gov](mailto:Vet@ky.gov) or call 502-564-5433.

## 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 these professions.

## Facility Registration Q&A

### What needs to be registered?

All Veterinary Facilities need to be registered with KBVE by June 30, 2025.

[KRS 321.181](#)(71) (a) "Veterinary facility" means any building, fixed facility, place, premises, mobile facility, or mobile unit location from which the practice of veterinary medicine and practice of veterinary technology are conducted or performed, including but not limited to a mobile clinic or facility, outpatient clinic, veterinary hospital or clinic, emergency facility, specialty facility, referral facility or center, temporary health clinic, or spay/neuter location. A veterinary facility shall include all fixed buildings used for the practice of veterinary medicine at a single physical premises location.

(b) "Veterinary facility" does not include:

1. The premises of a veterinary client unless a fixed veterinary facility is located on the veterinary client's premises;
2. A research facility;
3. A federal military base;
4. Locations for temporary animal exhibition;
5. State or federal regulatory facilities;
6. Officially designated emergency and disaster response locations;
7. A facility with current accreditation by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums; or
8. An American Veterinary Medical Association-accredited college of veterinary medicine or veterinary technology...

### What is a fixed facility?

(38) "Fixed facility" means a permanent location that is generally not moveable.

### What is a mobile facility?

(46) "Mobile facility" or "mobile unit" means a motor vehicle that is utilized pursuant to [KRS 321.205](#).

## Scenarios:

- I drive my personal vehicle back and forth to my clinic, which is at a fixed location. Do I need to register the vehicle?

**A:** You do not need to register your personal vehicle unless you also use that vehicle for the purpose of providing veterinary services, such as to transporting drugs or equipment for in-home euthanasia or on-farm services. If you are providing veterinary services from your personal vehicle, then yes, you should register the vehicle as a mobile unit.

- I see patients in my personal residence, but just for wellness visits. Do I need to register my house?

**A:** Yes, if you are providing veterinary services on the premises of your property, in your house, barn, or other structure, then registration is required.

- My veterinary hospital has multiple buildings. Do they each require separate registration?

**A:** If the buildings are all at the same address on the same premises, then the buildings qualify as one veterinary facility and may be registered as one location. If the buildings are at multiple addresses, then separate registrations are required for each location.

- My practice doesn't have a fixed location; we use all mobile units. How does that work?

**A:** You may register up to three (3) mobile units under one registration without additional fees, or add a small fee per each additional unit under the same business. For fixed facilities, up to two (2) mobile units are included with the base registration.

## Veterinary Facility Registrations - Apply Today!

Veterinary Facility Registration applications are now available online on the [KBVE Applications and Forms page](#).

- Register by 6/30/2025 - \$100 Fee
- Register on 7/1/2025 or later - \$500 fee

Registration fees include a fixed facility with up to two mobile units, or up to three mobile units without a fixed facility. Extra units are an additional \$25 per unit.

There is a comprehensive checklist at the back of the application to assist with submissions. Applicants may reach out to [Vet@ky.gov](mailto:Vet@ky.gov) with any questions.

## Still Have Questions?

**Let the KBVE know  
your questions or concerns regarding  
Kentucky Veterinary Facility Registration.**

[Send us your questions and feedback!](#)

Responses accepted through May 31.

## The Results Are In!

KBVE asked and you answered. 32 licensees submitted responses to the March survey on LVT utilization.

1. Species served in Kentucky - % of respondents offering:
  - 90% - Small animal
  - 28% - Food animal
  - 34% - Equine
  - 34% - Exotics
2. 84% of respondents indicated they have an LVT working at their facility:
3. Biggest hurdles to hiring LVTs?
  - 69% - Salary
  - 57% - Not enough LVTs in Kentucky
  - 25% - Practice location
4. Procedures assigned to LVTs - % of respondents indicating answer:
  - 56% - Ocular diagnostic tests (including tonometry, fluorescein staining and Schirmer tear)
  - 38% - Place urinary catheters in male and female dogs and cats
  - 25% - Place a nasogastric tube in dogs and cats
  - 22% - Perform basic suturing techniques
  - 19% - None of the above
  - 16% - Do not employ an LVT
5. 31% of respondents didn't know an LVT was trained to do the tasks listed in item 4. Did you?

**Learn more about LVT training and what they can be assigned!  
Visit the [CVTEA essential skills list for LVTs.](#)**

## Did You Know?

KBVE licensees have a duty to report a change of name or address to the Board within 30 days.

## Grievance Case Spotlight

### KBVE Agency Grievance # 2024-18:

- October 2024 - KBVE received multiple public and licensee complaints against an individual in Bowling Green advertising the unlicensed practice of veterinary medicine: cropping puppy ears, docking tails, and offering vaccines.
- An initial grievance letter from the Board was sent out the same month.
- November 2024 - A response was submitted to the Board from the accused.
- December 2024 - KBVE Grievance Committee reviewed the case file and ordered legal action.
- January 2025 - A demand to Cease and Desist was issued by the Board.
- February 2025 - Signed acknowledgement and pledge to stop practice was returned to the Board.

**Start to Finish:** This case spanned 5 months.

**Ongoing Monitoring:** KBVE will continue to monitor activity and reports from the public and licensees to ensure that this individual continues to refrain from practice. Should new evidence appear that this person is practicing again, KBVE will take the case to Franklin Circuit Court for an injunction.

If you are aware of the unlicensed practice of veterinary medicine in your community, you may file a report with the Board.

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

## KBVE Legislative Activities

KBVE appeared before the General Assembly Administrative Regulations Review Subcommittee (ARRS) on March 10 to testify about veterinary facility regulations, AAHP permits, and veterinarian fees. There were no questions from the Subcommittee. Consequently, the regulations are scheduled to become effective on July 1, 2025.

In 2026, the veterinarian renewal fee shall be \$495 for the biennium.

## News You Can Use

### Legislative Update

The 2025 Session for Kentucky's General Assembly is now over. Both Chambers passed [SB 69](#) turning the AAHP permit into a license and creating a new category for the Equine Dental Provider (EDP). This bill was signed by the Governor into law and will become effective June 27, 2025.

KBVE must now write regulations to govern the AAHP-EDP license. If you are interested in providing input, please contact the KBVE at [Vet@ky.gov](mailto:Vet@ky.gov) to add your name to the stakeholder list.

## Upcoming KBVE Meetings

Next KBVE Meeting:

May 22, 2025 – 1:00 PM EDT

Location:

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

Hybrid Zoom option available with RSVP to [Vet@ky.gov](mailto:Vet@ky.gov)

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

Meetings are open to all licensees and the public. Join us to learn more about current legislative activities and hear topical guest speakers. Agendas are posted in advance of the meeting. Attend and earn 6 hours CE for veterinarians and 3 hours CE for LVTs each renewal period.

You can also find dates for various KBVE Committee meetings online at this same location.

## Newsletter Feedback

Have comments about this newsletter, or ideas for future newsletter topics?

Email [Vet@ky.gov](mailto:Vet@ky.gov) with your feedback and input!

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