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KENTUCKY BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS

**KBVE Newsletter
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News You Can Use

New World Screwworm



New World screwworm (NWS, *Cochliomyia hominivorax*) is a devastating pest. When NWS fly larvae (maggots) burrow into the flesh of a living animal, they cause serious, often deadly damage to the animal. NWS can infest livestock, pets, wildlife, occasionally birds, and in rare cases, people.

Learn more at the following links:

- [USDA APHIS NWS Overview](#)
- [Detection in Animals](#)
- [Detection in Dogs](#)
- [Outbreak in Central America and Mexico](#)

You can also earn free CE by taking the APHIS [New World Screwworm Module](#).

Suspected cases of NWS should be reported immediately to the [Kentucky Office of the State Veterinarian](#) (302 KAR 22:030) at statevet@ky.gov, and to USDA APHIS Area Veterinarians in Charge at christopher.j.craig@usda.gov.

Facility Registrations - Your Questions, Answered

Following discussion at the May 22 Board meeting, the Board voted to **EXTEND THE DEADLINE** by three (3) months to September 30, 2025, for all veterinary and

AAHP facility registrations. Thank you to those who have already submitted -- KBVE will continue to accept applications.

The Board will hold a special meeting on July 10 to to further discuss facility registration requirements and the new Equine Dental Provider (EDP) regulations.

Additional Questions Answered by the Board:

Do animal shelters need to register as a veterinary facility?

If the animal shelter offers any services to the public for publicly owned animals, then yes the location is required to register as a veterinary facility. This includes services such as vaccines, spay/neuter, and heartworm tests on animals owned by the public.

Can a registered facility have multiple veterinarian managers?

Yes, veterinary facilities must have at least one, but can have multiple veterinarians listed as the veterinarian manager.

What if part of the facility is used for boarding and an owner requests that multiple animals be kept in the same kennel?

If the client signs a waiver accepting the risks of housing more than one animal together, and the waiver is kept in the medical record, the Board finds this an acceptable accommodation.

More about mobile unit requirements.

In general, a vehicle regularly used to transport a licensee and their equipment to provide veterinary services should be registered. This includes vehicles with:

- Permanent equipment installed;
- Little to no equipment installed, but does have the veterinary business name and logo on the vehicle;
- Designated for use by the business for veterinary services, even if no permanent equipment installed; or
- Transporting drugs.

Vehicles that are rented (e.g., to and from the airport) or used on a temporary basis (e.g., regular truck broke down and need to borrow a friend's vehicle on a temporary basis while registered vehicle is being repaired) do not need registered.

Veterinary Facility Registrations - Register Today!

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

- Register by ~~6/30/2025~~ Extended Deadline of 9/30/2025 - \$100 fee
- Register on or after ~~7/1/2025~~ Extended Deadline of 10/1/2025 - \$500 fee

Please read the application instructions. A complete application is required for each unique facility. Be certain to print single sided and do not staple the pages.

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 with any questions.

Did You Know?

The number of grievance cases submitted to the KBVE has gone up from an average of approximately 50 cases per year to nearly 80 cases per year in 2024, and on track for a similar increase in 2025.

Grievance Case Spotlight

KBVE Agency Grievance # 2022-55

Case Details:

- October 2022 - Grievance received alleging failure of veterinarian to notify client of intent and gain permission to sedate the canine patient.
- November 2022 - An initial letter was issued to the respondent seeking a response.
- December 2022 - A response was received from the veterinarian.
- January 2023 - The KBVE Grievance Committee reviewed the case file and ordered an investigation.
- March 2023 - The Committee reviewed the Investigative Report and all case file materials. The Committee sent the case to legal counsel for settlement negotiations.
- July 2023 - A settlement agreement was reached in the case, finding a violation of the standard of care related to obtaining permission from the client to sedate the patient, and for poor medical records. The agreement stipulated:
 - \$1,000 administrative fine,
 - 2 hours CE in anesthesia protocols involving surgical procedures, and
 - 2 hours CE in medical record keeping.
- January 2024 - All required deliverables were received and closing letters were issued.

Start to Finish: This case spanned 14 months.

General Cautions: If it is not in the record, it didn't happen. In many grievance cases received by the Board, even if medical records are not cited in the initial complaint, medical records often become an issue during review due to the poor quality of the records. Licensees are reminded to ensure medical records comply with the standards in [201 KAR 16:701](#).

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

A Note from the KBVE Chair

This year KBVE expanded the New Graduate Licensure Program to include all AVMA-COE accredited colleges of veterinary medicine (CVMs). In this program, students in good standing can apply to KBVE to become licensed in Kentucky on the day of their graduation. As of the May 2025



Board meeting, the program included students from 13 CVMs. KBVE has approved 35 qualifying students for this program to date. On behalf of all Members of the Board and Kentucky licensees, I extend a hearty welcome to these new veterinarian graduates who have chosen to come live and work with us in Kentucky!

John C. Park, DVM
KBVE Board Chair
Equine Veterinarian

KBVE Legislative Activities

KBVE is beginning work on the review of multiple regulations to conform with sunset requirements. Regulations up for review include the Code of Ethical Conduct for Veterinarians and the Prescription and dispensation of drugs for animal use law. Stay tuned to Board meetings and announcements to learn more about these efforts, and to filing drafts on the [Practice Act page](#).

KBVE has activated the equine dental provider (EDP) stakeholder working group to work on administrative regulations needed as a result of the passage of [25 RS SB 69](#), which created an EDP license in Kentucky. Reach out to Vet@ky.gov with your contact information to be added to the stakeholder list.

Upcoming KBVE Meetings

Next KBVE Meeting:

Jul 31, 2025 – 1:00 PM EDT

Location:

KBVE Office, 4047 Iron Works Parkway, Suite 104, Lexington, KY 40511
Hybrid virtual option available with RSVP to Vet@ky.gov

Agenda Highlights:

- Discussion with Kentucky Board of Pharmacy regarding pharmaceutical delivery addresses
- Continued discussions regarding veterinary facility requirements

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.

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.

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