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## KENTUCKY BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS



### KBVE Newsletter July 2025 Edition

### Upcoming KBVE Meetings

#### Next KBVE Meetings:

- Jul 10, 2025 – 9:00 AM EDT - Special Meeting
- Jul 31, 2025 – 1:00 PM EDT - Regular Meeting

#### Location:

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

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

#### Agenda Highlights:

- Jul 10 -
  - Continued discussions regarding AAHP equine dental providers (EDPs) and Registered Facilities
  - Begin sunset review of Code of Ethical Conduct for Veterinarians and other regulations
- Jul 31 -
  - Discussion with Kentucky Board of Pharmacy regarding pharmaceutical delivery addresses
  - Discussion with Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) regarding recent drug diversion cases and upcoming reporting requirements for veterinarians and controlled substances
  - Continued discussions regarding veterinary facility requirements

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

Meetings are open to all licensees and the public. Agendas are posted in advance of the meeting. Attend and earn free CE for veterinarians and LVTs.

## Status Check

KBVE has received positive feedback about the Board newsletter which started in January 2025. The newsletter emails are averaging a 65-70% open rate. Thank you for your attention to the agency's efforts to ensure both public protection and transparency for the professions of veterinary medicine.

Please continue to share this news. Encourage your colleagues to verify they have a current email address on file with KBVE so they are receiving the newsletter too.

If you have comments or ideas for future newsletter features, be certain to submit them to [Vet@ky.gov](mailto:Vet@ky.gov).

## News You Can Use



Texas reports that New World screwworm (NWS, *Cochliomyia hominivorax*) has been documented less than 500 miles from the U.S. / Mexico border.

NWS can infest livestock, pets, wildlife, occasionally birds, and even people. Learn more at the following links:

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

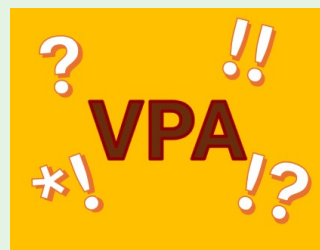
You can also earn free CE by taking the APHIS [New World Screwworm Module](#).

Suspected cases of NWS should be reported



The U.S. Attorney's Office, Western District of Kentucky announced on July 1 the [filling of criminal charges against multiple veterinarians for diverting controlled substances](#).

New attention is being focused on the veterinary profession and appropriate reporting requirements to stop drug diversion, including right here in Kentucky. Join Members of the Board at the July 31 meeting to hear directly from one state level enforcement authority on this issue and learn about their proposed reporting requirements for all veterinarian licensees in Kentucky.



Hopefully all veterinarians and LVTs are following the news related to the creation of the "Veterinary Professional Associate (VPA)" in Colorado. In 2024, voters passed Prop 129 by a slim majority creating this new associate position. KBVE is not supportive of this measure, but is monitoring the issue closely.

- [Prop 129 Info](#)

The Colorado State Board of Veterinary Medicine is currently developing new laws to govern VPAs and their supervisors. The next stakeholder meeting is July 14 at 1:00 pm MDT. Anyone can take part and provide input. To attend the meeting or obtain more information, visit the link below and click on the blue box heading

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

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Struggling with personal wellness? Don't wait to seek assistance -- You Are Not Alone! Contact the [Kentucky Professionals Recovery Network \(KYPRN\)](#) today to learn more about obtaining support and remaining anonymous with professional recovery.

"Public Notices" near the bottom of the page.

<https://dpo.colorado.gov/Veterinary>

## Facility Registrations

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

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.

## Did You Know?

Licensed Veterinary Technicians (LVTs) are required to renew their license annually in Kentucky. All LVTs are on the same renewal period with a due date of September 30 each year, including requiring six (6) CE credits. Don't delay -- renew your license today!

## Grievance Case Spotlight

### KBVE Agency Grievance # 2021-41

#### Case Details:

- August 2021 -
  - Grievance received alleging malpractice during a spay surgery.
  - An initial letter was issued to the respondent seeking a response.
- September 2021 -
  - A response was received from the veterinarian.
  - The KBVE Grievance Committee reviewed the case file and ordered an investigation.
- December 2021 - The Committee reviewed the Investigative Report and all case file materials. The Committee sent the case to legal counsel for settlement negotiations.
  - Not a simple spay... this patient was in heat.
  - The surgery was completed at 4 pm and the patient sent home at 4:30 pm.
  - Post-op bleeding and complications brought the patient back for repair and overnight monitoring... but no one remained overnight to monitor.
  - The patient was found deceased the next morning.

- April 2022 - A settlement agreement was reached in the case with two veterinarian licensees, finding a violation of the standard of care. Each agreement stipulated:
  - \$500 administrative fine,
  - And either
    - 4 hours CE in emergency/critical care, or
    - 4 hours CE in surgery monitoring.
- January 2024 - All required deliverables were received and closing letters were issued.

**Start to Finish:** This case spanned 29 months.

**General Cautions:** This case teaches multiple cautionary lessons, including:

- Longer post-op monitoring and recovery should be conducted to ensure a patient is stable prior to release.
- Keeping a patient overnight without staff onsite requires the client to be notified that no one will be in attendance overnight to monitor. The client should be provided the option to move the patient to a location with monitoring or even taking the patient home if they feel it is necessary.

*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 is beginning work on the review of multiple regulations to conform with sunset requirements. The "Code of Ethical Conduct for Veterinarians" and the "Prescription and dispensation of drugs for animal use" laws are among those up for review.

Stay tuned to Board meetings and announcements to learn more about these efforts, and to proposed drafts on the [Practice Act page](#). Submit your comments to [Vet@ky.gov](mailto:Vet@ky.gov).

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

## A Note from the KBVE Chair

KBVE is pleased to announce the hire of a new employee to the Board's staff: Briana Crowder, LVT. Ms. Crowder has experience working in multiple veterinary practices and brings welcome experience and know-how to the agency. She will focus primarily on grievance case work and assist current staff with veterinary facility registrations and resolving existing agency backlogs. Join me in welcoming Ms. Crowder to the KBVE team!

As a Board, we know how hard our staff works to keep the agency operational despite limited capacity and resources. Not only did the Board move office space in 2024 in an effort to lower costs, but staff have been working to bring new programming online, including the AAHP license and facility registrations -- hundreds of additional paper applications and processing time. Thank you to all licensees for your patience with the agency during the last year of transition. We look forward to being able to serve all constituents better and more efficiently moving forward.

John C. Park, DVM  
KBVE Board Chair

*Equine Veterinarian*

## 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.

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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