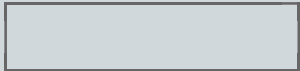


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KBVE Newsletter August 2025 Edition

Your Input Needed!

At their July 31 KBVE Meeting, Members of the Board heard from representatives of the Kentucky Office of Inspector General (OIG) about controlled substances diversion issues and their proposal to require veterinarians to report into the controlled substances prescription monitoring system KASPER. The Board has serious concerns about how OIG's proposal may impact veterinarian licensees and their practice. KBVE is gathering information and stakeholders to ensure OIG hears the voice of the profession prior to imposing any reporting requirements. Responses will be aggregated prior to release.

Please take this two (2) minute survey to help the Board better understand how controlled substances are used in your practice. Your input is essential!

[TAKE THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE REPORTING SURVEY](#)

KBVE Legislative Activities

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who attended and contributed to the development of the equine dental provider (EDP) regulations over the last few months. The Board conducted a final review of these regulations at the July 31 meeting and are readying a package to file with LRC. A 60-day comment period will be open for interested parties to review and comment on the proposed amendments. Stay tuned for future announcements.

KBVE heard your questions about veterinary facilities and held a special meeting on July 10. As a result of discussions, the Board filed regulatory amendments with LRC to provide clarifications on veterinary facility registration, veterinarian manager responsibilities, and several frequently asked questions. These filed drafts are now available on the KBVE [Practice Act page](#), under the heading, "Regulations – Filed with LRC (proceeding through administrative rule making process)"

Public comments on these proposed changes must be submitted to Vet@ky.gov or by mail no later than September 30.

As noted in the July newsletter, KBVE is beginning sunset review of key regulations in [201 KAR Chapter 16](#). If you would like to provide input on any of the regulations listed below, email the Board at Vet@ky.gov or attend an upcoming meeting.

- [201 KAR 16:500](#) - Code of ethical conduct for veterinarians
- [201 KAR 16:600](#) - Prescription and dispensation of drugs for animal use

Did You Know?

Reminder!

CE requirements have been updated and are in effect for the current renewal cycle. Hours are now required in pharmacy or controlled substances, antimicrobials, or Kentucky or federal laws/regulations related to the practice of veterinary medicine. LVTs require one (1) hour, and veterinarians require two (2) hours in one (1) or more of these topics.

For both veterinarian and LVT license types:

- Half of the CE due each period shall be in a live, real-time format either in-person or online.
- Proof of CE is required to be kept on file for four (4) years past the date of renewal; this should be a certificate of completion or an email with all of the same information as the certificate would have.

LVT renewal is due this year by September 30 for on-time renewals. Veterinarians will renew their licenses in 2026.

Grievance Case Spotlight

KBVE Agency Grievance # 20xx-xx... multiple cases

Case Details:

- The Board recognizes that substance abuse disorders and wellness are important concerns in the life of practitioners, especially in a profession with such high emotional demands.
- When a wellness case comes before the Board, Members of the Grievance and Wellness Committees work together with the Kentucky Professionals Recovery Network (KYPRN) to find a safe and effective path to recovery.
- Sometimes this means the licensee may remain anonymous through their voluntary participation with KYPRN.

Start to Finish: Wellness cases are typically assigned to long-term monitoring of five (5) or more years to assist in the support and recovery of licensees.

General Concerns: Wellness may not be an issue for everyone, but if not a personal concern, you may know someone who could use some support or intervention. Regardless of the circumstances, resources are available - There IS hope!

- [KYPRN](#)
- [AVMA Wellness Resources](#)

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

News You Can Use



The PURR Act of 2025

The [Kentucky Livestock Coalition \(KLC\)](#) is meeting on August 21 at the Kentucky State Fair to discuss concerns about the PURR Act of 2025. This bill has been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Stated concerns include:

- Limitations on State rights to provide a higher level of regulation that what is established in this bill;
- Approval of ingredients that may not be appropriate or safe for use in animals;
- Allowance for manufacturers to substitute ingredients for longer time periods with no requirement to appropriately reflect such modifications on the product labeling; and
- Lack of federal capacity to monitor and enforce this takeover of state level programs.

Read more about [H.R. 597 on Congress.gov](#).

Join the KLC for the discussion at the State Fair, Freedom Hall VIP Board Room at 1 pm EDT.



Congratulations!

The [Association of Veterinary Technician Educators \(AVTE\)](#) held their annual meeting last week in Louisville.

Morehead State University was recognized as the [Veterinary Technology Program of the Year](#). Congratulations on a job well-done, Morehead!

Morehead is one (1) of four (4) [CVTEA-accredited veterinary technology programs](#) in Kentucky.



Cap on Federal Student Loans

With the passage of the One Big Beautiful Bill, federal student loans have now been capped at \$200,000 for professional degrees beginning in fall 2026 and beyond. Individual students requiring more funding for their veterinarian education will need to seek out private loans. Read more online about this change through [AVMA News](#).

A Note from the KBVE Chair

One way KBVE is active and engaged at the national level is through the Board's participation in the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB). This is a regulator's association that helps board members and staff from around the U.S. and Canada connect with other jurisdictions to learn some of the best practices and pitfalls of regulation. Multiple Board Members and staff have participated in AAVSB committees and in leadership roles through the years.

AAVSB is a leader in developing model language for use by its Member Boards. KBVE relied on the AAVSB Practice Act Model as a resource when working on Kentucky's Practice Act revisions. However, AAVSB does not always track in a direction that the Board believes is good for Kentucky or good for the profession.

This year, KBVE introduced three resolutions to the AAVSB for Member Board consideration. One is about limiting support for the expansion of the VPA beyond Colorado. One is about establishing firm rules related to limitations in telehealth and requiring an in-person VCPR. And one is about staying focused on supporting the current array of Member Boards. The vote on these resolutions will help steer the future of regulation in the U.S. and Canada.

Interested in learning more or providing feedback to KBVE on these initiatives? Contact KBVE's Executive Director Michelle Shane for copies of the resolutions, or to share your thoughts with the Board. Michelle.Shane@ky.gov.

John C. Park, DVM
KBVE Board Chair
Equine Veterinarian

Licensee Demographics

Check out the latest statistics on [KBVE licensee demographics for veterinarians and LVTs](#). The Board's most recent report shows a total of 371 fulltime equine veterinarians residing in Kentucky, and only 51 fulltime food animal veterinarians.

Upcoming KBVE Meetings

Next KBVE Board Meeting:

- September 11, 2025 – 1:00 pm EDT - Regular Board Meeting
 - 10:00 am - Applications Committee
 - 9:00 am - Grievance Committee (Most of this meeting is closed to public, pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c) and (j) and KRS 321.187(6))

Location:

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

2025 KBVE Board [Meeting Schedule is available online](#). Additional Committee meetings are also listed here.

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.

Don't forget to check out the KBVE Meeting Minutes which highlight major points of discussion, as well as directives and decisions issued by the Board. Find KBVE Minutes online in the [Meetings and Minutes Archive](#). Minutes are posted as soon as they are approved as final by the Board at a subsequent meeting.

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 with your feedback and input!

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