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KENTUCKY BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS



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A Note from the KBVE Chair

To date, the Board has received approximately 670 applications for veterinary facility registration. Agency staff are busy processing these paper applications and sending notifications to applicants. Staff are also working with IT staff on a substantial upgrade to the Board's database to accommodate the new facility registrations, a process which will take some months to code and implement. KBVE expects all renewals in 2027 to be online through the [eServices Portal](#). Facility certificates are expected to be available in early 2026. Thank you for your patience as the Board staff works to bring this program online.

If you are running into any issues with wholesale pharmacies delivering to your registered facility, please contact Vet@ky.gov. Board staff will assist in working through solutions until the registration program is fully operational.

As we continue our work to get this program running, questions have come up regarding how frequently veterinarians are conducting rabies vaccine clinics and other offerings. The Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS)



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does not track this information. In order to better understand this issue, we are asking all licensees to respond to a brief survey so we can gather data for the General Assembly on this issue. Please take three (3) minutes of your time to respond:

Survey on Rabies Vaccine Clinic Offerings

KBVE is testifying before the General Assembly in early December and, with a statistically significant number of responses, will present the results of the survey at that time. Thank you for participating in the regulatory process!

An Update on Proposed Controlled Substances Reporting

KBVE continues to engage with the Office of Inspector General (OIG) and the Controlled Substances Prescribing Council (CSPC) on their proposed recommendation to implement controlled substance reporting requirements for veterinarians in Kentucky.

At a meeting of the CSPC on October 20, KBVE attended to present concerns from the veterinarian community on this topic. Thank you again to those who responded to the August KBVE survey on controlled substances reporting concerns, as this information was invaluable to the discussion.

Despite the Board's points, as well as a letter issued from the General Assembly urging caution and additional research in partnership with the veterinarian community, the CSPC declined to retract their recommendation to add CS reporting requirements for veterinarians. Instead, they made an additional recommendation to add two (2) veterinarian seats to the Council: one (1) large animal and one (1) small animal.

KBVE has issued additional correspondence to the OIG asking them to answer questions of concern, including:

- What data does OIG have from other states that have monitoring programs showing that the veterinarian reporting programs are beneficial to stopping diversion?
- What is the frequency and number of convictions involving veterinarian diversions in other state jurisdictions in the last ten years?
- How many cases with veterinarians has OIG had in the past ten years, and how many have led to convictions?
- If veterinarians were not included in reporting for the last 30 years, and the opioid epidemic is still subsiding, why include veterinarians now?

Additionally, KBVE has reiterated the need for a stakeholder group including veterinarians and the Board to ensure all considerations are discussed.

We will keep you informed of the progression of discussions on this topic, and any proposed legislation or regulatory amendments. At this time, there are no controlled substance reporting requirements for veterinarians being mandated.

Initial Facility Registration Deadline Reached

The initial veterinary facility registration deadline has now passed.

At their meeting on November 20, Members of the Board shall discuss and establish enforcement procedures for those facilities who are not registered but continue to operate.

If you have not yet submitted your facility's registration paperwork, please [contact KBVE today](#) to learn about your options.

Grievance Case Spotlight

KBVE Agency Grievance # 2022-45

Case Details:

- August 2022 - Grievance received alleging malpractice following a vulvoplasty on a canine patient. The complainant stated:
 - The veterinarian did not dispense antibiotics following surgery and the surgical area was not properly sutured.
 - On a follow up visit, the veterinarian stated the wound was healing nicely despite there being an odor and blood leaking from the wound. The veterinarian denied a request for antibiotics.
 - The veterinarian never followed up with the clients post-surgery to check on the patient.
 - The patient had to be taken to another veterinarian to have the surgery redone and obtain antibiotics so the wound would heal.
- October 2022 -
 - Following procedures outlined in [201 KAR 16:610](#), the Board issued letters seeking a response from the veterinarian provider.
 - A response was received the same month, however the complete medical record was not included as requested by the Board.
 - The Board corresponded with the respondent to obtain the full medical record.
 - The full medical record was submitted to the Board within seven (7) days.
- December 2022 - At a special meeting of the Committee, this case was assigned to investigation.
- January 2022 - An investigative report was presented to the Committee for their review. The report included interviews with the complainants and the respondent, as well as notes on the medical records. The report showed:
 - The veterinarian had never done this surgery before.
 - An antibiotic was administered post-op, but there were discrepancies between the written medical record and the typed medical record regarding which antibiotic was administered: penicillin or ampicillin.
 - Even though the veterinarian recalled dispensing antibiotics, there was no evidence in the medical records or invoices that antibiotics were dispensed to the client.
 - There were discrepancies between the medical records and the client invoices regarding amount of buprenorphine injectable dispensed.
 - At the follow up visit, there was allegedly no sign of dehiscence or visible infection.
 - There was no record of written discharge instructions.
- January 2022 - the Committee ordered settlement agreement negotiations.
- July 2022 - The Board executed a settlement agreement with the following terms:
 - \$1,000 administrative fine;
 - 2 hours CE in medical record keeping; and
 - 2 hours CE in surgical procedure and management, in addition to the hours required for licensure renewal.

- August 2022 - The fine was paid and proof of CE completion submitted to the Board to fulfill the requirements of the agreement.

Start to Finish: This case spanned 13 months.

General Cautions: Complete and accurate medical records are essential for patient care. With the Practice Act update and new regulations in 2023, there are clear standards for medical recordkeeping in Kentucky. See [KRS 321.187](#) and [201 KAR 16:701](#). Remember, if it is not in the record, it didn't happen.

Additionally, full chart notes are part of a medical record. It is unacceptable to issue invoices or partial records when a records request is made by a client.

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

Mark Your Calendar for January 22!

KBVE is hosting multiple special guests at the Board Meeting on January 22, 2026, to foster discussion regarding the use of AI technology in veterinary practice. In the interest of public protection, the Board will explore recommendations for future policies and possible regulatory solutions addressing appropriate guidance for AI tools.

Guests include representatives from the American Association of Veterinary State Boards ([AAVSB](#)) and the American Veterinary Medical Association ([AVMA](#)).

Start learning on this topic by reading the article [Considerations for the Use of AI in Veterinary Medicine](#) by AAVSB's Chief Veterinary Officer Dr. Beth Venit.

The Board Meeting on January 22 begins at 1 pm EST. Guests may attend in-person or virtually. For a Zoom link, email Vet@ky.gov.

KBVE Legislative Activities

On November 13, KBVE filed the Amended After Comments (AAC) and Statements of Consideration (SOCs) on the proposed amendments to the veterinary facility regulations, 201 KAR 16:762 and 767. Interested parties can read the Board's responses in the submissions published on the KBVE website [Practice Act page](#). Look under the heading "Regulations – Filed with LRC (proceeding through administrative rule making process)".

The public comment period for proposed amendments to the Allied Animal Health Professional (AAHP) for the new equine dental provider (EDP) license is now closed. The proposed amendments to the regulations are still available for review on the KBVE website [Practice Act page](#) under the heading "Regulations – Filed with LRC (proceeding through administrative rule making process)". The Board shall file in December the AACs and SOC's for those regulations that received comments.

The Board continues to work on sunset review of key regulations in [201 KAR Chapter 16](#). If you would like to provide input on any of the regulations pending sunset review, email the Board at Vet@ky.gov or attend an upcoming meeting.

Did You Know?

CE requirements have changed, effective May 2025.

Veterinarians:

- 30 hours of new CE are due each renewal (By September 30, even years only).
- Licensees cannot use CE to renew that was applied previously to renew or reinstate.
- At least half of all CE must be earned in person or online in a live, realtime format (i.e., not pre-recorded).
- At least 20 of the 30 required hours must be related to the practice of veterinary medicine.
- No more than 10 hours may pertain to practice management or other administrative, wellbeing, and professional topics that are not directly related to the practice of veterinary medicine.
- At least two (2) of the 30 hours must be in one (1) or more of the following topics:
 - Pharmacy or controlled substances
 - Antimicrobials
 - Kentucky or federal laws and regulations related to the practice of veterinary medicine.

LVTs:

- Six (6) hours of new CE are due each renewal (By September 30, each year).
- At least half of all CE must be earned in person or online in a live, realtime format (i.e., not pre-recorded).
- No more than three (3) hours may pertain to practice management or other administrative, wellbeing, and professional topics that are not directly related to the practice of veterinary medicine.
- At least one (1) of the 6 hours must be in one (1) or more of the following topics:
 - Pharmacy or controlled substances
 - Antimicrobials
 - Kentucky or federal laws and regulations related to the practice of veterinary medicine.

Notes:

- Licensees cannot use CE that was applied previously to renew or reinstate.
- Please ensure your certificates of completion indicate the format (e.g., in person, live online, pre-recorded, etc.) to avoid delays with renewal.
- USDA Modules are limited in use to six (6) hours for Category II and three (3) hours for Category I or all other licensees.

News You Can Use

Rabies Vaccine Reminders

- Rabies vaccines are required for all dogs, cats, and ferrets in Kentucky **by** 16 weeks of age. ([KRS 258.015](#), [902 KAR 2:070](#))
- Most rabies vaccine labels say providers may administer the first vaccine as early as 12 weeks.
- Approved rabies vaccines are available for dogs, cats, horses, cattle, sheep and ferrets.

- Rabies vaccine may only be administered by a licensed Kentucky veterinarian, and, following a special training and certification by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, by an owner on their own animals.
- **LVTs and veterinary assistants are currently NOT legally allowed to administer rabies vaccine in Kentucky.**
- Although there is no law in Kentucky requiring pre-exposure vaccination for veterinarians and their staff, given the high risk of exposure the pre-exposure vaccine series is strongly recommended.
- In 2022, the [CDC revised the pre-exposure rabies vaccine series](#) to only two (2) shots.

Any physician or other attending medical service provider who treats or consults on an animal bite or scratch incident is required to make a report to the local health department within 12 hours.

- Scroll down the [CHFS Local Health Departments page](#) for a list of contact information by department.

New World Screwworm (NWS) Reminders

- **FDA** - [NWS Information for Veterinarians](#) - Drugs authorized for treatment
- **USDA APHIS** - [NWS resources](#), webinars, identification, treatments, guidance for veterinarians, emergency response information, history of NWS eradication, and more
- **Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA)** - [NWS information](#), quick facts, detection tips, and life cycle information

States and the federal government are counting on frontline practitioners like you to provide reports of early detection in an effort stop the spread of this devastating pest. Remember that this pest infects *all warm blooded animals* -- not just livestock; even humans may be infected.

Any suspected cases of NWS should be reported to both the USDA and the Kentucky Office of the State Veterinarian at the below contacts:

- USDA - christopher.j.craig@usda.gov
- Kentucky - StateVet@ky.gov

Upcoming KBVE Meetings

Remaining scheduled Board Meetings in 2025:

- November 20, 2025 - 1:00 pm EST – Regular Board Meeting
 - 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))
 - 10:00 am - Applications Committee

Location:

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

2025 and 2026 KBVE Board [Meeting Schedule is available online](#). Additional Committee meetings are also listed at this location.

Meetings are open to all licensees and the public. Board meeting agendas are posted in advance of the meeting. Attend and earn free CE for veterinarians and LVTs -- this CE will count toward the new requirements for state/federal laws and regulations.

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?
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