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Announcing Your 2026 Board Leadership



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A Note from the KBVE Chair

On behalf of Members of the Board, we hope each of you had some opportunity to unplug over the holidays, enjoy time connecting with family and friends, and find some rest.

Here at the Board, we have hit the ground running in 2026. Included in this month's newsletter are updates on the the General Assembly Legislative Session, a new filing by OIG proposing veterinarians be required to report in KASPER, an update on facility registration progress, and the results of the December Survey on AI Technology use in the Commonwealth. At our next meeting, the Board is hosting guest speakers from AVMA and AAVSB to open discussions about AI guidance and possible regulation. And we're planning a new round of regional meetings in partnership with DEA and KVMA to offer free CE matching the new requirements for renewal -- just in time for license renewal this year. In July, you'll see renewal notifications for veterinarians and LVTs opening on July 1.

Thank you for your continued interest in the Board's initiatives as we work to serve all KBVE licensees in Kentucky. Keep sending us your questions and feedback so we can stay connected this year.



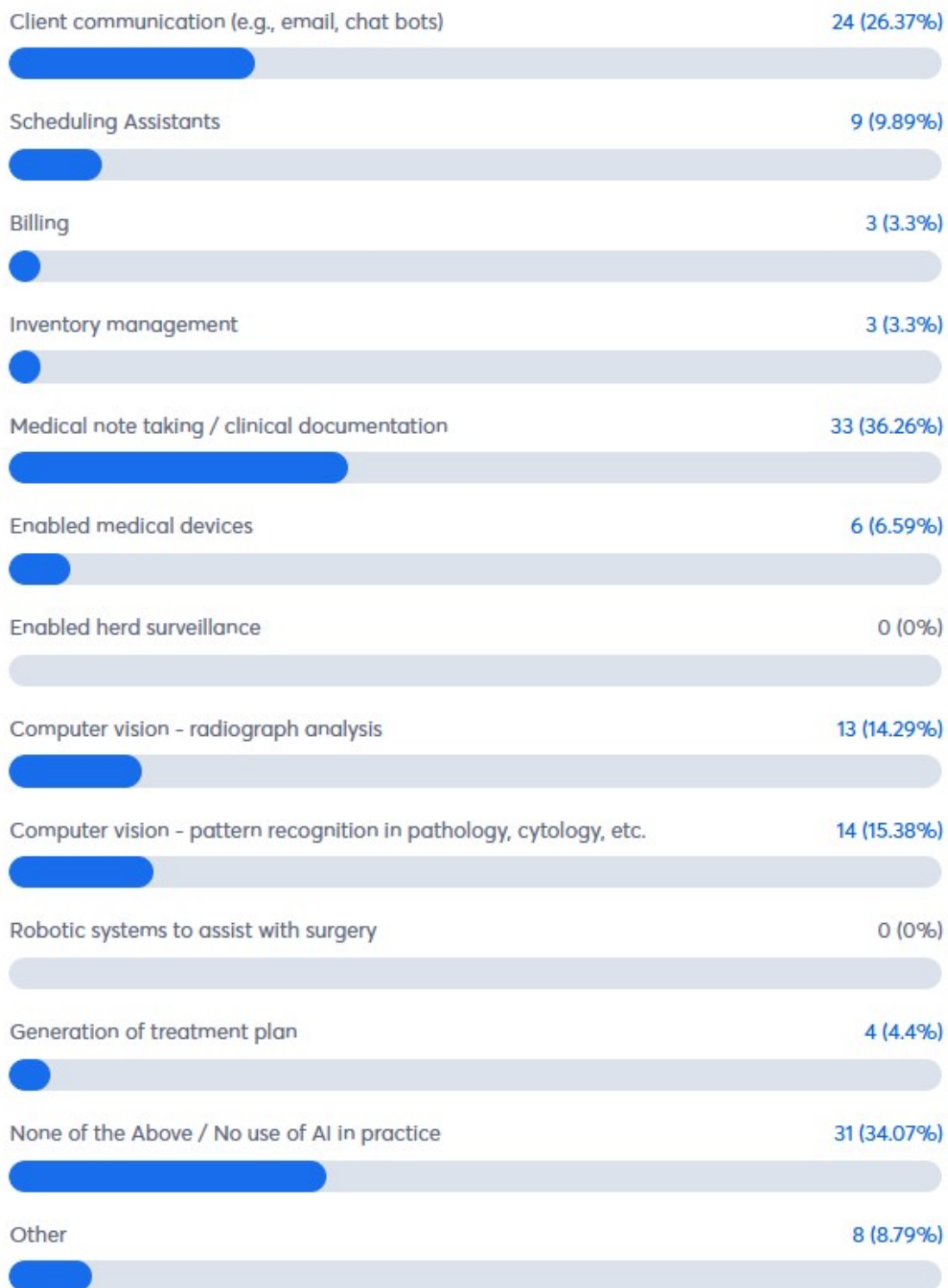
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Survey Results: AI Technology Adoption in Kentucky

The results are in! 91 licensees completed responses to the KBVE December Survey regarding AI technology adoption in Kentucky. Below is a summary of the results:

2. What AI tools are you using in your veterinary practice? (check all that apply)

Showing the most recent responses to the question. [See all responses](#) here.



There were also 60 open answer responses expressing licensee concerns to the Board for consideration during the development of guidance or regulation on AI use in veterinary

medicine. Members of the Board are currently reviewing responses in preparation for discussions with guest speakers on January 22.

2026 Legislative Session

Legislative Calendar

- January 6, 2026 – Session opened
- March 2 – Last Day for new Senate Bills
- March 4 – Last Day for new House Bills
- March 31-April 1 – Concurrence
- April 2-13 – Governor's Veto Period
- April 15 – Sine Die

Key Bills To-Date

- [HB 304](#) – Rep. Stevenson, Rep. Burke, Rep. Aull, et al. – The Governor's recommended State/Executive Branch Budget. KBVE requested to use \$797,500 in FY 2026-2027 and \$792,500 in FY 2027-2028 of the agency's funds. (KBVE does not receive any tax dollars; agency revenue comes from licensure fees.) The Governor's Budget provides for \$816,900 in FY 2026-2027 and \$813,600 in FY 2027-2028. The increased amount appears to be because, while the OSBD recommended the agency plan for a 1% salary increase for all state employees in these fiscal years, the Governor's Budget provides for a 2% increase during each fiscal year. This bill is currently assigned to the House Committee on Appropriations & Revenue.
- [HB 387](#) – Rep. Meade – Changes the Membership of the Controlled Substances Prescribing Council (CSPC). This bill adds two (2) veterinarian seats (one livestock, one equine) to the CSPC, but also effectively bars OIG from requiring veterinarians to report under [KRS 218A.202](#). This bill is currently assigned to the House Committee on Committees. Veterinarian voices are needed to support the prohibition of KASPER reporting for the profession.
- [HB 212](#) – Rep. Witten, Rep. Freeland, Rep. Grossberg – Related to rabies vaccine administration. Allows LVTs to administer. (Of note, Rep. Grossberg also filed [HB 173](#), a matching bill, but this bill will likely not move.) HB 212 is currently assigned to the House Committee on Agriculture. A similar bill has passed the House the last two legislative sessions, and then died in the Senate. Veterinarian voices are needed to help this bill pass this year.
- [SB 52](#) – Sen. Rawlings, Sen. Elkins, Sen. Douglas, Sen. Funke Frommeyer, Sen. Nunn, Sen. Tichenor – Related to ensuring fair permitting and licensing practices. A version of this bill has been filed for several of the past few sessions but not passed. This bill is currently assigned to the Senate Committee on Committees.
- [HB 151](#) – Rep. Grossberg – Related to licensed and certified professionals. Makes use of a professional title or practicing without a license a Class B misdemeanor. This bill is currently assigned to the House Committee on Licensing, Occupations, & Administrative Regulations.
- [HB 241](#) – Rep. White – Related to an exemption from sales and use tax pet adoption fees and certain small veterinarian service fees charged by local government animal shelters and nonprofit animal welfare organizations. This bill is currently assigned to the House Committee on Appropriations & Revenue.
- [SB 45](#) – Sen. Webb – Amends KRS 247.801 to change the definition of "agritourism activity"; define "working animal"; create a new section of KRS

247.800 to 247.810 to prohibit a city, town, county, or other political subdivision of the Commonwealth from restricting a person from engaging in an agritourism activity, etc. This bill is **currently assigned to the Senate Committee on Committees**.

- [HB 111](#) – Rep. Bivens, Rep. Fister, Rep. King – Related to on-farm animal health, farmers, and veterinarians. This bill is **currently assigned to the House Committee on Agriculture**.
- [HB 217](#) – Rep. Holloway, Rep. Banta, Rep. Grossl – Related to providing taxpayers the option of having all or a portion of their individual income tax refund be contributed to the animal control and care fund created in KRS 258.119. This bill is **currently assigned to the House Committee on Appropriations & Revenue**.
- [HB 246](#) - Rep. Witten, Rep. Grossberg, Rep. King, Rep. Lewis, Rep. Stalker – Creates a new section of KRS 258.095 to 258.500 to require animal control officers to receive training on recognizing child abuse; provide that the Act may be cited as Kyan's Law. This bill is **currently assigned to the House Committee on Local Government**.

Administrative Regulation Filings and ARRS Testimony

- KBVE is tentatively scheduled February 9 to testify before the Administrative Regulations Review Subcommittee (ARRS) regarding the proposed changes to both registered facility regulations and updates to the AAHP regulations for Equine Dental Providers (EDPs).
- OIG has filed a proposed change to [902 KAR 55:110](#) to require veterinarians to report controlled substances to KASPER, an electronic reporting system that requires all dispensation of CS to be entered into the system within 24-hours. The public comment period is open until March 31. Comments may be emailed to OIG at CHFSregs@ky.gov. Be certain to reference the regulation number.
- These hearings are open to the public.
- Anyone may sign up to testify.
- You may also watch hearings live or as a recording at [LRC's livestream YouTube site](#), or the [KET Live Feeds](#).

Licensees are encouraged to reach out or write to Members of the General Assembly to voice your opinions on these filings. Your voice matters and can make a difference in the outcome of these proposals. Not sure how to contact your representatives? [Find your legislator on the LRC website](#).

Facility Registration Update

By the Numbers

- As of 1/10/2026:
 - 678 = Veterinary Facility Applications received
 - 90 = Application reviews completed
- As of 1/14/2026:
 - 426 = data entry (partial / initial) complete
 - Database upgrades to allow full data entry and reporting still in progress

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

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Grievance Case Spotlight

KBVE Agency Grievance # 2021-02

Case Details:

- January 2021 - Board initiated case against the owner of a veterinary practice for failure to ensure all veterinarian employees maintained their licensure. One employee was found to have an expired license.
- February 2021 - Initial letters were sent out for a response.
- March 2021 - A response was received indicating that as soon as the grievance was received, the veterinarian in question was pulled from duties. The veterinarian was provided time off work to gain enough CE for reinstatement.
- May 2021 - The KBVE Grievance Committee met to discuss this case and ordered a settlement agreement.
- September 2021 - Settlement Agreement was fully executed, and included:
 - \$4,000 fine
 - Requirement for written plan to be submitted within 30-days detailing how the practice will provide ongoing verification checks for the licensure status of all licensed professionals at the facility.

Start to Finish: This case spanned 9 months.

General Cautions: Registered Responsible Parties and Veterinarian Managers have a responsibility to ensure that all veterinarians and LVTs employed at the registered facility maintain an active license. 2026 is a renewal year for veterinarians and LVTs. On-time renewal occurs July 1 - September 30, 2026, with late renewals accepted through November 30. Be certain your team renews in a timely manner. Contact Vet@ky.gov with any renewal questions.

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

Did You Know?

When wildlife is brought to a veterinary facility for treatment, once the animal is stable it should either be transferred to a Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) permitted wildlife rehabilitator or returned to the wild in the county from which it was taken.

If you are uncertain how to proceed, contact your regional [KDFWR Wildlife Biologist](#).

If you need to locate a wildlife rehabilitator to transfer wildlife to, or would like to apply for a wildlife rehabilitator permit, learn more at <https://fw.ky.gov/Wildlife/Pages/Wildlife-Rehabilitation.aspx>

News You Can Use

- [AAEP panel addresses underutilization of veterinary technicians](#)
- [British Veterinary Profession \(BVA\) Position on Artificial Intelligence in the Veterinary Profession](#)
- [Accrediting the future of veterinary education: A student's perspective](#)
- [Justice Department calls for affordable vet care](#)

Upcoming KBVE Meetings

- January 22, 2026 - 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

The 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?

Email Vet@ky.gov with your feedback and input!

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