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## KBVE Newsletter March 2026 Edition

### A Note from the KBVE Chair

During the Board's conversation with Artificial Intelligence (AI) experts at the January meeting, one of the areas discussed in depth was the use of recordings during client visits. Recordings may be used by practitioners as a reference when completing medical records or to assist in generating summaries or transcripts of patient visits.

As practices consider incorporating recordings into their workflows, it is important to be mindful of client communication and consent. Veterinarians should consider obtaining informed client consent prior to recording, whether through direct conversation and/or clearly communicated practice policies. Clients should also have the opportunity to decline participation in recordings.

Practitioners may also consider documenting client consent in the medical record as part of good medical recordkeeping practices.

In addition to the discussion from our January meeting, the Board is currently reviewing available resources and guidance related to AI to inform future considerations for veterinary



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medicine in Kentucky. At this time, no formal rules specific to AI have been adopted.

Thank you to those stakeholders who have expressed interest in this topic. If you would like to share input or be involved in future discussions, please contact [Vet@ky.gov](mailto:Vet@ky.gov).

## KBVE Meetings Update

- **March 26, 2026 - 1:00 pm EDT – 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

### Guest Speaker:

Dr. Lisa Warren, DVM, MRCVS  
[FocusVetCare.com](http://FocusVetCare.com) / [VTTR.org](http://VTTR.org)

### 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)

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.

## Did You Know?

Veterinary students who are nearing graduation may be eligible for the KBVE's **New Graduate Licensure Program**. This program allows students to apply early for licensure and, if all required materials are submitted at least 30 days prior to their date of graduation, receive their veterinarian license on the day they receive their diploma. Applicants should include a signed copy of the program contract with their application. All application materials are available on the Board's [Applications and Forms page](#) under the drop-down "Veterinarian Applications".

KBVE started this program in 2020 with graduates of Auburn CVM, and has in recent years expanded the program to welcome all new graduates to Kentucky. If you have a future new hire getting ready for licensure or have any questions about the program, please reach out to [Vet@ky.gov](mailto:Vet@ky.gov).

## Regional Meeting Survey Results

KBVE heard from you—thank you to everyone who responded to the February survey. Results indicated that more than half of licensees would value a virtual meeting option.

For in-person meetings, the most commonly preferred timing was Wednesday or Thursday evenings starting at 6 pm. A portion of respondents also expressed interest in weekend options, including Saturday or Sunday.

KBVE is currently working with KVMA to identify venues and dates for 2026 meetings. We anticipate offering virtual options on select dates. Stay tuned for a future announcement with additional details.

## 2026 Legislative Session

### Legislative Calendar

- Last days to file new bills has passed
- March 31-April 1 – Concurrence
- April 2-13 – Governor’s Veto Period
- April 15 – Sine Die

### Regarding Outreach

- If you reach out to your elected officials on any legislation or regulations, maintain professionalism and respect in all communications.
- Your goal with any outreach should be to demonstrate that you are a professional and have expertise in the subject area of the bill or regulation you are contacting them about.
- You should always work to build a positive relationship so that an elected official thinks of you when issues around veterinary medicine come up – they may even call you with questions in the future.
- Regarding bills that have passed one Chamber, please click on the link for the bill and look for the "Vote History" to see how your elected official voted.

### Key Bill Update for Licensees

- [HB 212](#) – Rep. Witten, Rep. Freeland, Rep. Grossberg, Rep. Grossl – Related to rabies vaccine administration. Allows LVTs to administer. This bill passed the House, 92-0, and is now in the Senate assigned to the Senate Committee on Agriculture since 3/20/2026. This is the third year in a row the bill has made it to the Senate.
- [HB 387](#) – Rep. Meade, Rep. Grossl – 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 prohibits veterinarians from reporting requirements under [KRS 218A.202](#). This bill passed the House 91-1 on 2/9/2026 as an EMERGENCY (meaning it will take effect immediately when signed by the Governor), and is with the Senate Committee on Licensing & Occupations since 3/20/2026.
- [HB 500](#) - Rep. Petrie, Rep. Banta, Rep. Bowling, Rep. Bray - The Republican recommended State/Executive Branch Budget. Different versions of this bill have passed both Chambers. A Conference Committee was appointed on 3/19/2026 in the House and Senate to work toward a compromise.

- [SB 45](#) – Sen. Webb, Sen. Deneen, Sen. Wilson – 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 passed the Senate 26-12 on 2/12/2026, and has been with the House Committee on Agriculture since 3/13/2026.
- [SB 155](#) - Sen. Carpenter - Provides wide expansion of authority to the Commissioner of Agriculture related to animal health emergency responses. At the Senate Ag Committee hearing on 2/10/2026, the sponsor indicated this bill was to streamline actions by the Department so that delays in approvals from other involved agencies and the Governor's office did not impede response. It is unclear if or how this bill may impact the role of the State Veterinarian. This bill passed the Senate 38-0 on 2/12/2026, and was posted in the House Regular Orders of the Day for 3/20/2026.
- KBVE is tracking other key bills related to licensure, animals, public agencies, and other important topics. If you are interested in a broader legislative update, please reach out to [Michelle.Shane@ky.gov](mailto:Michelle.Shane@ky.gov) for more information.

### Administrative Regulation Filings and ARRS Testimony

- KBVE provided informational testimony before the ARRS Committee on March 9 regarding the proposed changes to 201 KAR 16:767 (registered facility regulation) and outreach with stakeholders. KBVE deferred 16:767 to provide more time for stakeholder input.
- OIG also appeared before the ARRS on March 9 regarding their proposed amendments to [902 KAR 55:110](#) to require veterinarians to report controlled substances to KASPER. Members of the ARRS voted to declare this regulation deficient, which means that OIG cannot refile the regulation with any similar changes for at least one (1) year.
- Constituents may watch legislative hearings live or as a recording at [LRC's livestream YouTube site](#), or the [KET Live Feeds](#).

**Licensees may choose to contact Members of the General Assembly to share their perspectives on legislation and regulatory matters.** Engagement from licensed professionals can provide valuable perspective on issues impacting veterinary medicine. Not sure how to contact your representatives? [Find your legislator on the LRC website](#).

## Grievance Case Spotlight

### KBVE Agency Grievance # 2017-17

#### Case Details:

- August 2017 -
  - The Board received a complaint alleging that an emergency patient was denied medical services because the veterinarian on duty was ready to leave work.
  - The Board mailed a letter requesting a response from the licensee.
- September 2017 -





- A response was received, including complete medical records for the patient. The records detailed a variety of treatment options offered to the client, as well as the client's disclosed financial situation. The records showed that the veterinarian worked with the client to provide patient care options within their budget, without making unrealistic promises about prognosis and recovery.
- The Board Committee reviewed the case file at their September meeting.
- October 2017 - At the Committee's directive, Board legal counsel issued a letter indicating:
  - The Committee found the veterinarian had acted in a professional manner, completed a full exam on the patient, and that the recommended treatment plan was appropriate.
  - The Committee noted that the veterinarian had acted ethically by providing a variety of treatment options. This allowed the client to choose the best course of action that would work within their means.
  - However, the Committee also noted that the veterinarian was not obligated to provide services beyond what the client elected or was able to pursue.
  - The Board dismissed this case.

**Start to Finish:** This case spanned three (3) months.

**General Cautions:** Offering a range of appropriate treatment options allows clients to make informed decisions about their animal's care. Licensees are encouraged to communicate clearly and avoid assumptions about a client's financial circumstances. Clients should be provided with sufficient information to understand available options and make decisions that align with their goals and resources. Documentation of these discussions in the medical record is considered a best practice.

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

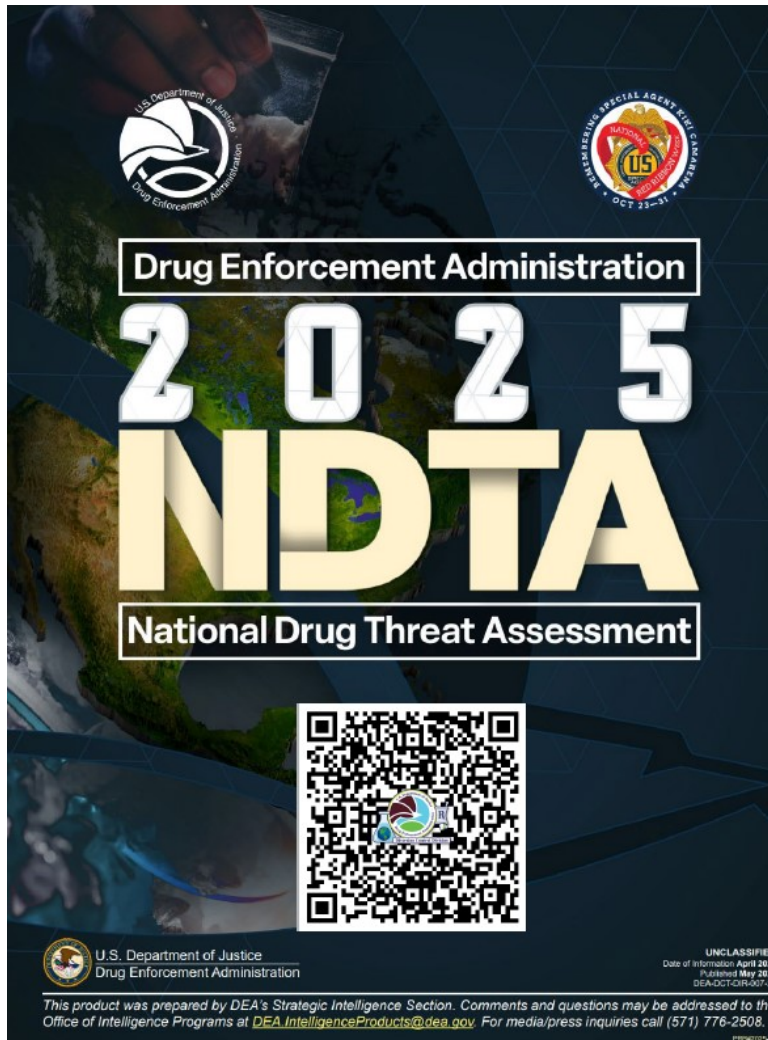
## News You Can Use

 <p>International Council for Veterinary Assessment</p> <p>Call for Nominations ICVA's Assessment Development Committee</p> <p>Nominations Due by April 3, 2026</p>	<p>Exotic Companion Animal</p> 	<p>Bovine-Dairy</p> 
	<p>Small Ruminant</p> 	<p>Poultry</p> 

**ICVA Assessment Development Committee**

The International Council for Veterinary Assessment (ICVA), test administrator for the NAVLE, has issued a call for nominations for four (4) open positions on the Assessment Development Committee (ADC). New team members will begin work in June 2026. The open positions are for experts in the Bovine-Dairy, Exotic Companion Animal, Poultry, and Small Ruminant areas. Nominations must be received by April 3, 2026.

Learn more at [ICVA ADC Opportunities](#).



The poster features a dark blue background with a world map. At the top left is the U.S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration logo. At the top right is the Special Agent in Charge seal. The central text reads "Drug Enforcement Administration" in a white box, followed by "2025" in large white numbers, and "NDTA" in large yellow numbers. Below that is "National Drug Threat Assessment" in a white box. A QR code is positioned in the lower center. At the bottom left is the U.S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration logo. At the bottom right is the text "UNCLASSIFIED Date of Information: April 2025 Published: May 2025 DEA-DCT-DIR-607-25". At the very bottom is the text "This product was prepared by DEA's Strategic Intelligence Section. Comments and questions may be addressed to the Office of Intelligence Programs at [DEA.IntelligenceProducts@dea.gov](mailto:DEA.IntelligenceProducts@dea.gov). For media/press inquiries call (571) 776-2508. FPM032027".

## DEA's 2025 National Drug Threat Assessment

This annual comprehensive assessment provides a national-level perspective on the threats posed by illicit drugs and the cartels that push their use.

On pages 30-31, the DEA details facts about Xylazine diversion and abuse.

[Read the PDF](#)



The poster features a background of a golden trophy with stars falling from it. On the left is the AVTE logo, which consists of a red graduation cap above the letters "AVTE" in blue and red. On the right, the text reads "AWARD NOMINATIONS" in large black letters, followed by "Deadline Extended!" in red, "Friday, April 10" in black, "11:59 PM EST" in black, and "AVTE.net/AVTEawards" in black.

The Association of Veterinary Technician Educators (AVTE) has issued a call for nominations. The AVTE awards honor individuals and programs who have demonstrated excellence over the past year. They are intended to recognize the varied ways that a significant impact can be made on the veterinary technician community.

[Learn more and nominate today!](#)

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### In the News

- [HPAI Updates for Kentucky Wildlife](#) - Report sick or dead birds, poultry, and livestock to KDFWR
- [VIN News: Letter: AVMA denies 'misperceptions' are why it opposes VPA](#)
- [AMVA Quick Guide: FDA pathways for new animal drugs](#)
- [NAVTA List of approved Veterinary Technician Specialist \(VTS\) Academies](#)

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## Facility Registration Update

### By the Numbers

- As of 3/20/2026:
  - 683 = Veterinary Facility Applications received
  - 255 = Application reviews completed
  - 214 - Approved applications pending issuance
- As of 3/20/2026:
  - 622 = data entry (partial / initial) complete
  - Database upgrades to allow full data entry, reporting, and licensure issuance still in progress

KBVE has begun issuing Notices of Compliance (NCs) to facilities identified as not having submitted an application. If you have not yet submitted your facility's registration paperwork, please [contact KBVE today](#) to learn about your options.

## 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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