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KENTUCKY BOARD OF  
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## KBVE Newsletter May 2026 Edition

### KBVE Meetings Update

- **May 14, 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 Speakers:**

Dr. Jessie Lay, DVM, Extension Animal Health Veterinarian  
Craig Wood, Assistant Director of Extension for Agriculture, Natural Resources and Horticulture  
UK Extension Programming and Producer Outreach

**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 after they are approved as final by the Board at a subsequent meeting.

## Did You Know?

Board regulation [201 KAR 16:600](#) contains rules for the prescription and dispensation of drugs for animal use. In it, you can find the complete list of requirements for prescription drug labels, including:

1. The name and address of the veterinarian;
2. The name and address of the client;
3. The species and identity of the patient for which the prescription is issued;
4. The name, strength, and quantity of the drug prescribed;
5. The date on which the prescription is issued;
6. The directions for administering the drug;
7. If the patient is a food producing animal, the withdrawal time for the veterinary drug;
8. If the prescription authorizes extra-label use, the manner in which the client may use the drug;
9. Any cautionary statements required by law; and
10. Number of refills allowed.

Learn more about prescription requirements by reading the full regulation!

## A Note from the KBVE Chair

The [Drug Supply Chain Security Act \(DSCSA\)](#) is federal legislation enacted in 2013 that only recently became fully effective. The goal of this legislation is to reduce drug diversion.

An associated agreement to DSCSA, the [National Opioid Settlement Agreement \(NOSA\)](#), is an agreement between State District Attorneys and large wholesalers to monitor and report suspected drug diversion. Under this agreement, wholesalers run monitoring programs on key drugs, allowing them to reject orders that appear "suspicious" or "out of pattern".

Recently, KBVE has been notified of rejected orders that are legitimately required for patient treatment. The Board seeks to learn more about this important topic to ensure that veterinarians in Kentucky maintain access to essential treatments for their patients. Please take two minutes of your time today to complete KBVE's May survey to help us learn more.



John C. Park, DVM  
KBVE Board Chair  
*Equine Veterinarian*

## Take the Survey!

The Board is seeking general input regarding experiences with ordering medications from wholesale distributors. This information is intended to help understand trends and inform

ongoing discussions related to possible barriers to drug ordering. The Board does not regulate wholesale distributors but is gathering information to better understand how these issues may affect veterinary practice in Kentucky.

Inform the Board regarding your experiences by taking this 2-minute survey.

**Survey: Wholesale Drug Ordering Experiences**

## Final 2026 Session Legislative Update

### Key Bill Update for Licensees

- [HB 212](#) – Beginning July 15, 2026, LVTs may now administer the rabies vaccine under the direct supervision of a veterinarian. The veterinarian must still sign the rabies certificate in accordance with [902 KAR 2:070](#).
- [HB 387](#) – This Act goes into effect immediately, changing the Membership of the Controlled Substances Prescribing Council (CSPC) by adding two (2) veterinarian seats (one livestock, one equine) to the CSPC. Additionally, the new Act prohibits veterinarians from reporting requirements under [KRS 218A.202](#).

**KBVE is calling for volunteers to apply to the Board for consideration of appointment to the CSPC.** If you are interested, submit your qualifications and contact information to [Vet@ky.gov](mailto:Vet@ky.gov) by May 26 for consideration.

- [HB 111](#) - This new Act goes into effect July 15, 2026. The Act is related to on-farm animal health, farmers, and veterinarians. KBVE submitted a letter of concern to Leadership in February 2026, however, the Act retains the language, "A farmer or owner of the livestock or poultry may consult with a veterinarian as defined in KRS 321.181 or any other professional at his or her discretion." It is the Board's opinion that the allowance to "consult" is not an allowance for unlicensed practice. Reports of unlicensed practice should be made by completing and submitting a [Grievance Form](#) to KBVE for investigation.
- [HB 185](#) - An Act impacting Board operations, effective July 15, 2026. KBVE is now required to create a pre-screening process for convicted persons to see if their conviction would prohibit them from licensure if they pursued training and application. The Board must file a regulation by January 2027 detailing these procedures and post the process on the agency website. An annual report must also be provided to the Legislative Research Commission.
- [SB 155](#) - This new Act goes into effect immediately, providing a wide expansion of authority to the Commissioner of Agriculture related to "animal health emergencies". At the Senate Ag Committee hearing on 2/10/2026, the sponsor indicated this 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

### Administrative Regulation Filings and ARRS Testimony

- KBVE has once again deferred 201 KAR 16:767 to provide more time for stakeholder input.

Constituents may watch legislative hearings live or prior recordings 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 # 2019-08

#### Case Details:

- February 2019 - KBVE received a discipline report from the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) regarding a discipline that occurred 1/18/2019 in Florida.
- March 2019 -
  - On 3/14/2019, KBVE received a self-report notice from the attorney of a licensee who received the FL discipline.
  - On 3/19/2019, KBVE obtained a copy of the Final Order in the case from Florida.
- July 2019 - The Grievance Committee met and reviewed the case file. Given the nature of the violation, and the fact that the licensee took more than 30 days to self-report the discipline, the Committee ordered reciprocal discipline in the form of a fine.
- September 2019 - The licensee paid the fine to the Board, and the case was closed.

**Start to Finish:** This case spanned 10 months.

**General Cautions:** Individuals licensed in more than one jurisdiction may be subject to reciprocal fines or penalties in other jurisdictions where they hold a license. Timely self-reporting may sometimes mitigate or reduce any reciprocal penalty. In Kentucky, licensees are provided 30 days to self-report.

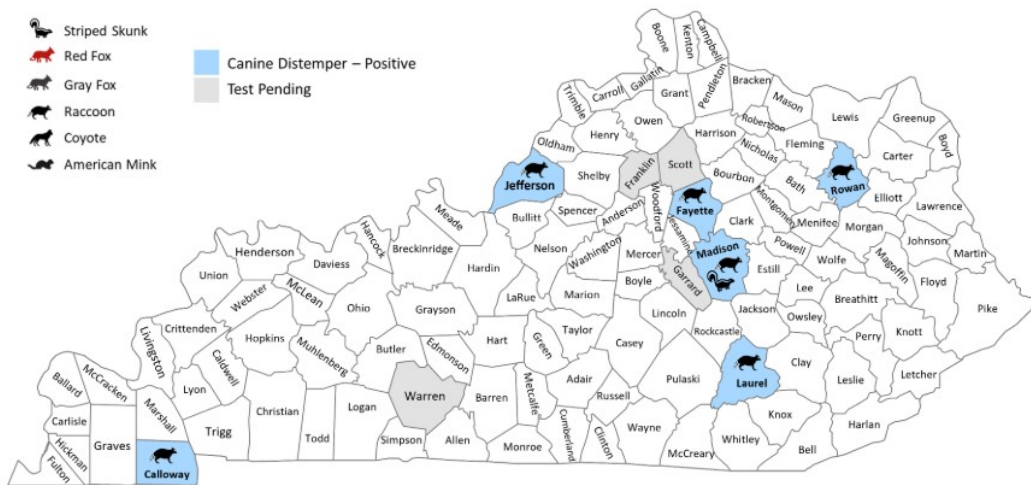
*This spotlight is part of our effort to illustrate the Board's role in maintaining professionalism and protecting the public interest.*

## News You Can Use

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) publishes a map showing incidences of canine distemper in wildlife. The map below is October 2025 - present. Learn more from the KDFWR [Canine Distemper page](#).

# Cases of Canine Distemper in Kentucky Wildlife

## Canine Distemper in Kentucky Wildlife (October 2025 - Present)



Updated: 5/6/2026

\*Diagnostic Case Submissions ONLY

### In the News

- Arkansas College of Veterinary Medicine [launches an ambulatory service for large animals](#).
- WKYT - [Social media scams using local veterinary facility logos](#).
- CDC - Health Alert Network: [Medetomidine in U.S. Illegal Fentanyl Supply](#)
- KDFWR - [HPAI Updates for Kentucky Wildlife](#) - Report sick or dead birds, poultry, and livestock.
- MEDPAGE Today - [Do AI Scribes Actually Save Doctors Time?](#)
- VIN News - [Long-running veterinary free speech suit resolved](#)



# Veterinary Survey

**Help Improve Vector-Borne Disease Communication in Veterinary Medicine!**

## About Us

We are the VectorED Network (<https://www.vectorednetwork.org>), a CDC Training and Education Center focused on vectors and vector-borne disease education. We are conducting a needs assessment to better understand how we can support the role that veterinary professionals play in vector-borne disease education.

## Who are we looking for?

Veterinarians and veterinary staff working with companion animals and equine patients in the Mid-Atlantic and Ohio River Valley region.

## What are the benefits?

Your feedback will help with the development of materials to help educate clients and better protect human and animal health against vector-borne diseases.

## How can you participate?

Scan the QR code or press the link to take a quick 10-15 minute online survey. Responses will help improve resources for client education and disease prevention for vector-borne diseases.

## Questions?

Contact Dr. Erika Machtinger ([etm10@psu.edu](mailto:etm10@psu.edu)) or Mia Esoldo, M.S. Student ([mie5182@psu.edu](mailto:mie5182@psu.edu)).



As part of this needs assessment, [VectorED Network](https://www.vectorednetwork.org) is seeking licensees in the Mid-Atlantic and the Ohio River Valley region (DE, IL, IN, KY, MD, MO, NY, OH, PA, TN, VA, and WV) to complete a brief survey to relay their experience in the field of veterinary care.

Consider taking 10–15 minutes to [complete the survey](#). This effort will help the Network:

- Identify gaps in resources and training for veterinary professionals
- Develop practical tools to support client communication on vector-borne diseases
- Better understand the role of veterinary teams in protecting both animal and public health.

## Facility Registration Update

### By the Numbers

As of 5/08/2026\*:

- ~693 = Veterinary Facility Applications received
  - ~278 = Initial application reviews completed
  - 234 = Applications approved by Committee
  - 661 = data entry (partial / initial) complete
  - Database upgrades to allow full data entry and reporting still in progress
- \* Numbers vary from previous reports due to incorrect or duplicate facility application types received.

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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