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News You Can Use

New World Screwworm (NWS) identified in United States.

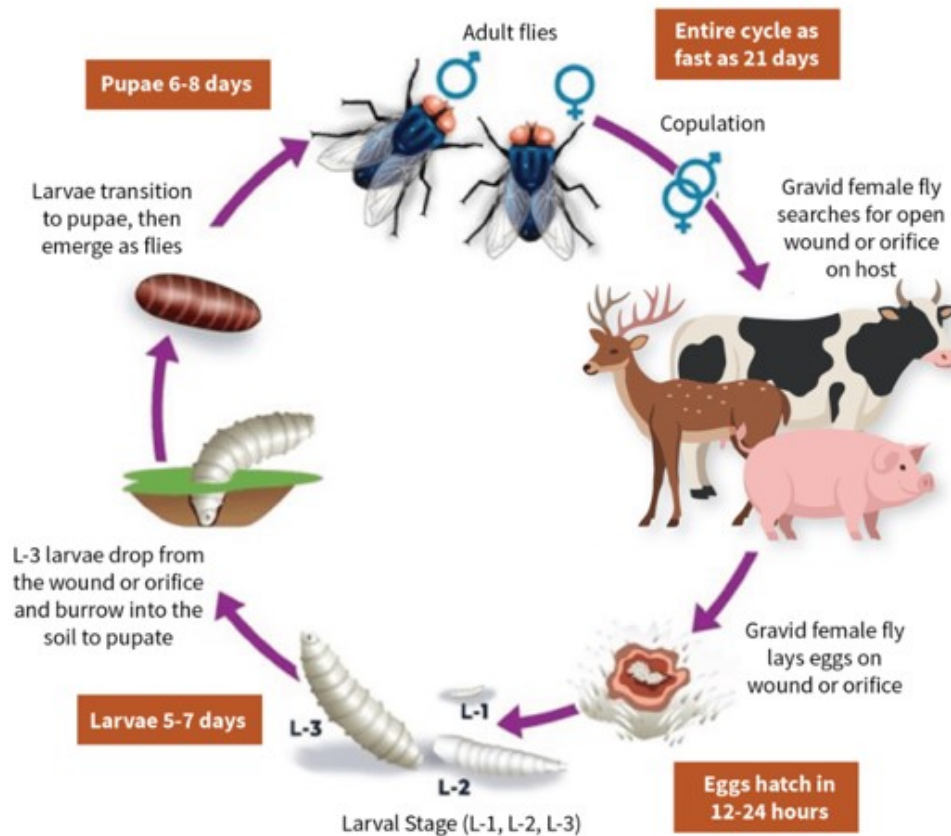
As of the issuance of this newsletter, more than 15 cases of NWS (*C. hominivorax*) have been confirmed in the United States since June 3, 2026. NWS can spread through animal movement, human movement, or through the natural progression of the fly northward during warm weather.

Kentucky veterinarians are on the front line of recognizing possible cases. Animal movement restrictions are currently in place in Kentucky. For information regarding movement restrictions, please contact statevet@ky.gov.

If you suspect NWS:

- Collect as many larvae as possible before they leave the wound or drop into the soil to continue the fly's lifecycle.
- Preserve collected specimens in 70% alcohol (ethyl or isopropyl) at room temperature.
- Submit specimens for identification using the reporting contacts below.

NWS Life Cycle



Suspected cases of NWS in Kentucky large animals/livestock should be reported:

- Kentucky Office of the State Veterinarian at statevet@ky.gov

Suspected cases of NWS in Kentucky small animals should be reported:

- Kentucky Department for Public Health at (502) 564-3261

Confirmed cases should be reported immediately to:

- USDA APHIS Area Veterinarians in Charge at christopher.j.craig@usda.gov
- Kentucky Office of the State Veterinarian at statevet@ky.gov

Learn More:

- USDA APHIS - Section "Guidance for Veterinarians and Animal Health Officials - <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/cattle/ticks/screwworm>
- FDA - Animal Drugs for NWS Treatment - <https://www.fda.gov/animal-veterinary/safety-health/animal-drugs-new-world-screwworm>

In the News

- AVMA - [Open Letter on Accreditation to the Veterinary Education Community](#)
- ICVA - [Third-Party Audit of the NAVLE Underway](#)
- VIN News - [Midwestern halts veterinary school on Illinois campus](#)

- Morning Ag Clips - [Kentucky Horse Council Launches Emergency Veterinary Assistance Program](#)
- UK Martin-Gatton College of Ag - [\\$1M gift launches Pathfinder program to strengthen equine pre-veterinary training at the University of Kentucky](#)

Sick and Injured Wildlife

Help monitor the health of Kentucky's wildlife. [Report incidences of wildlife disease and death](#) to the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR). The agency requests reports on:

- Large-scale die-offs
- Wildlife that appear ill or are behaving strangely
- Individual deer that appear ill or are behaving strangely

Call KDFWR at 800-858-1549 8:00 am - 4:30 pm ET, M-F.

or

Contact the [county regional biologist](#).

License Renewal Opens July 1

Renewal for Veterinarian and Veterinary Technician Licenses opens on July 1, 2026. This is also the start of the new state fiscal year, so applications shall not be accepted prior to the July 1 open.

On-time applications are due by September 30, with the following renewal fee:

- \$495 - Active veterinarian license (Grace period late fee = +\$300)
- \$100 - Inactive* veterinarian license (Grace period late fee is +\$200)
- \$45 - Active LVT license (Grace period late fee = +\$30)
- \$10 - Inactive* LVT license (Grace period late fee = +\$25)

Renewal grace period is from October 1 - November 30.

* Inactive status is a pause on licensure; this status holds the license in place and no CE is required to renew, however, license holders CANNOT practice veterinary medicine or veterinary technology in Kentucky while in Inactive status.

Important Renewal Reminders

- Be prepared. When you sit down to renew your license through the eServices Portal, be certain to have all your earned CE details, information for other licenses (license number and expiration dates), and your current contact information on hand.
- eServices Portal can be accessed from the [KBVE homepage](#) by scrolling down and clicking on the "Log In" button below the heading "Online Services".

A Note from the KBVE Chair

One of the Board's priorities is increasing opportunities to communicate directly with Kentucky licensees. So this year, KBVE is partnering with the Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association (KVMA) and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for a new round of in-person, regional meetings this summer. We invite you to join us for dinner and two (2) hours of free CE.

2026 marks our third round of CE offerings, previously offered in 2022 and 2024. If you have not yet joined us at one of these meetings, please consider coming out to learn more about updates to the laws impacting veterinary practice, requirements for licensure renewals, requirements for managing and tracking controlled substances, and more!

Instructions to RSVP are found below. If you have any feedback about these course offerings, please send your comments to us at Vet@ky.gov.



John C. Park, DVM
KBVE Board Chair
Equine Veterinarian

Regional CE Meetings This Summer!

Join the Board, the KVMA, and the U.S. DEA for a new round of regional continuing education (CE) meetings!

These meetings are free to attend, provide dinner, and count for the two (2) new required CE hours in state & federal laws and/or pharmacy. Food provided at 5:30 pm local time, with the meeting promptly at 6:00 - 8:00 pm local time.

RSVP to Vet@ky.gov with the city and date of the meeting you plan to attend.

We look forward to seeing you there!

VMA Region	City	Date
Buffalo Trace	Morehead, KY	Sat, 6/6
Northern Kentucky	Boone Co.	Tue, 6/16
South Central	Bowling Green	Thu, 7/16
Jackson Purchase	Paducah	Tue, 7/21
West Central	Madisonville	Wed, 7/22
Central Kentucky & KAEP	Lexington	Wed, 7/29
South East	London	Thu, 8/13

Greater Louisville	Louisville	Tue, 8/18
Lincoln Trail	Elizabethtown	Thu, 8/20

Grievance Case Spotlight

KBVE Agency Grievance # 2019-21

Case Details:

- July 2019 - Grievance case filed. The complainant alleged that the veterinarian failed to provide a complete diagnosis and misled them about the prognosis for their cat, causing additional, unnecessary suffering to the animal. Despite difficulty breathing and fluid in the chest, the patient was sent home following a steroid shot. The owners were told to monitor over the weekend and call back on Monday if there was no improvement. When the patient's breathing became worse less than 12 hours later, the owners took the cat to a different veterinarian for a second opinion. Several diagnostic tests were repeated, revealing the fluid on the chest, an enlarged heart, and a large tumor in the chest cavity. The second veterinarian took the time to explain all the findings and help the clients make an ethical decision for their beloved cat. The clients opted to end the animal's suffering through humane euthanasia.
 - August 2019 - Initial letters were issued by the Board seeking a response in this case, and a response was received promptly.
 - September 2019 - The Grievance Committee met and discussed this case. Due to multiple outstanding questions, the Board ordered an investigation.
 - November 2019 - An investigative report was submitted to the Committee. Members of the Committee found:
 - The medical records showed sufficient diagnostics to provide an accurate diagnosis and prognosis to the client related to the fluid on the chest.
 - The veterinarian chose not to share the full results with the client because they felt the client was too emotional to handle the truth and would not opt for euthanasia.
 - The veterinarian admitted they believed the cat was likely to expire over the weekend.
- As a result of these findings, the Committee ordered a settlement agreement.
- July 2020 - Following lengthy negotiations between legal counsels, the settlement agreement was signed and stipulated:
 - \$500 fine
 - 4 hours CE relating to feline medicine, of which 2 hours CE must be in feline respiratory disease

Start to Finish: This case spanned 12 months.

General Cautions: Even when the news is hard for a client to hear, it is critical that practitioners provide true and accurate assessments. Licensees cannot predict what a client may choose to do, and it is not the licensee's choice. Practitioners are expected to relay all of the available information, empowering the client to make an informed decision.

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

Facility Registration Update

By the Numbers

As of 6/17/2026*:

- Facility Applications received.....698
- Initial application reviews completed.....304
- Applications approved.....258
- Data entry (partial / initial) complete.....679
- Facility Registrations Issued.....10
- Database upgrades to allow full data entry and reporting still in progress

* Numbers may 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 Meetings Update

- **September 10, 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

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 after 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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