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KENTUCKY BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS



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Only ONE Regional CE Meeting Left This Summer!

KBVE, KVMA, and the U.S. DEA have collaboratively hosted a successful round of regional meetings throughout Kentucky this summer. These events have provided a free meal and the CE required to fulfill new licensure renewal requirements for veterinarians and LVTs. The meetings have additionally included practice managers, veterinary assistants, and other key facility staff.

With nearly 600 total attendees at the nine in-person meetings, the gatherings have also been an opportunity to reconnect with fellow alumni and colleagues in the local community -- a rare and welcome treat for many. Thank you to all who have taken the time to attend and connect with the Board, and those who have stayed after to visit.

If you missed out on the in-person meetings, it's not too late to attend the final meeting by Zoom. RSVP to Vet@ky.gov with "Regional Meeting Zoom" in your email, and we'll add you to the list. Meeting links shall be distributed one day prior to the meeting. We look forward to seeing you there!

VMA Region	City	Date
Statewide	Zoom	Tue, 9/8 @ 7:00 pm EDT

A Note from the KBVE Chair

Veterinarians and LVTs are the nation's front line responders when it comes to identification and action regarding animal diseases and pests. In this time of seasonal highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), the pending arrival of New World Screwworm (NWS), increased incidences of rabies, canine distemper, and more, KBVE licensees are needed to identify and report suspected cases so that Kentucky may swiftly and appropriately respond.

Reporting aids state health officials by allowing them to target the threat response, helping to minimize impacts on local communities, animals, and clients while combating diseases and pests. Reporting also aids the awareness of colleagues to assist with patient diagnoses.

Staff in the Board's office have received an increase in questions related to reporting requirements. As a result, this newsletter contains important links for animal disease reporting as well as information for animal movement and training offerings for veterinarians. We hope you find this information useful.

Thank you for being aware and responsive on the front line for Kentucky! Special thanks to the State Veterinarian's Office for the team's work during the State Fair.



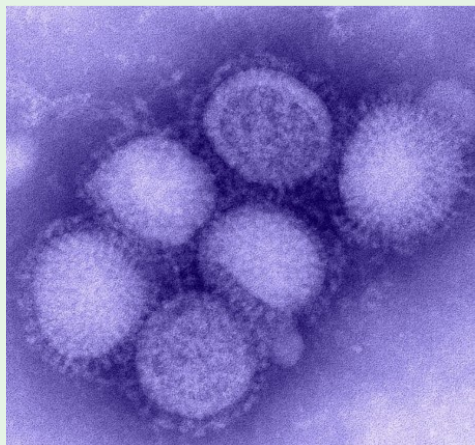
John C. Park, DVM
KBVE Board Chair
Equine Veterinarian

Reporting Animal Diseases

What and Where to Report

Kentucky veterinarians are required to submit cases of reportable diseases to the appropriate authority.

- Livestock and Poultry Diseases to the [Kentucky Office of the State Veterinarian \(OSV\)](#) and the [USDA APHIS](#)
- [Wildlife Diseases](#) to Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife (KDFWR)
- Animal bites and suspected cases of rabies to the [Local Health Department](#)



**Become a Certified
New World Screwworm (NWS) Inspector!**

Kentucky Needs YOU!

The Office of the State Veterinarian (OSV) has issued a call for volunteers to become part of the NWS response team. If you are interested in receiving training and becoming part of Kentucky's certified pool of New World Screwworm (NWS) Inspectors, follow the steps below.

- Visit Texas A&M and take the free [New World Screwworm Preparedness and Response Education Training](#).
- After completing the training, receive your certification number.
- Email your certification number to the [Office of the State Veterinarian \(OSV\)](#) at StateVet@ky.gov to register as a Certified NWS Inspector.

OSV will maintain a list of certified inspectors in Kentucky to activate when response is required.

Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVIs)

Veterinarians issuing CVIs for interstate movement must hold the appropriate USDA APHIS [NVAP Accreditation](#)—Category II for large animals and Category I for small animals.

Accredited veterinarians should follow these steps to issue a CVI:

- Confirm the destination state's requirements.
 - Visit the [National Assembly of State Animal Health Officials \(NASAHO\)](#) to find a list of State Animal Health Officials. This list is updated periodically, so be certain to visit the parent site for the link to the most current list. Look under the "Quick Links" section.
- Inspect the animal or herd.
 - Animals must be inspected in person by the USDA Accredited veterinarian; this task may not be delegated.
- Complete the CVI form.
 - Electronic CVIs (eCVIs) may be completed using USDA's [Veterinary Services Process Streamlining \(VSPTS\) System](#). There are also several private companies offering eCVI services.
 - Licensees may alternatively complete [USDA form APHIS 7001](#) (a free, fillable pdf). If using the paper form, be certain to distribute copies:
 - 1 copy with the owner;
 - 1 copy to the state of destination;
 - 1 copy to [KDA OSV](#); and
 - 1 copy for the client file.

Questions? Contact OSV at StateVet@ky.gov or the APHIS Area Veterinarian in Charge for Kentucky at christopher.j.craig@usda.gov.

Grievance Case Spotlight

KBVE Agency Grievance # 2023-60

Case Details:

- Oct 2023 - Complaint received.
 - The owner took a cat to Dr. #1 for labored breathing. Radiographs were done and the patient was diagnosed with feline asthma. The patient was given a steroid injection and prescribed antibiotics and other treatment medications. He did not improve. The next day the client called the clinic to say that the patient wasn't any better. They were told that if no improvement by the next day to bring him back in, and so the next day the client returned with the cat. Radiographs and labs were completed, and the client was told that the radiographs looked better. The patient died five days later.
 - The owner took a dog to Dr. #2 for dermatological issues. The patient was diagnosed with Cushing's disease and started on Vetoryl. Later, the client took the dog to Dr. #3. The second opinion indicated the dog was only borderline cushingoid and shouldn't be on the prescribed medicine. Dr. #3 discontinued the Vetoryl and checked his thyroid level; dog was hypothyroid and responded to Thyroid medication.
- Jan 2024 - Initial case letters issued.
- Feb 2024 - Response received.
- Feb 2024 - The Grievance Committee reviewed the initiating grievance, responses, and medical records. Following discussion, the Committee dismissed the cases against both veterinarians.
 - Case against Dr. #1 - Records were good and showed multiple attempts to appropriately treat the patient. Ultimately, the Committee suspected this cat, with its respiratory issues, died due to stress triggers.
 - Case against Dr. #2 - The Committee discussed that an animal either has Cushing's or it doesn't; such animals must be treated or they develop diabetes. Treating Cushing's first was the correct approach.

Start to Finish: This case spanned 5 months.

General Cautions: Good medical records demonstrated appropriate treatments within the standard of care, and provided detailed notes of the patient's condition and medications for each visit. Keeping good medical records is required by [KRS 321.187](#), [201 KAR 16:701](#), and simply good practice for the protection of the patient and the practitioner.

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

• Disease Reports:

- [Bobcat fever on the rise in Kentucky](#)
- [APHIS Confirms case of scrapie in OR](#), setting back eradication efforts.
- [Canine distemper in Kentucky wildlife - map](#)

- [Martin-Gatton CAFE announces The Bill Gatton Foundation Professorships 2026](#) - including awards for veterinary research in antimicrobials, equine health, and more.
- **ICVA Call for Volunteers.** The International Council for Veterinary Assessment (ICVA), the body who administers the NAVLE, has issued a call for volunteers. ICVA seeks nominations for members of the International Activities Committee (IAC). The primary purpose of the IAC is to provide strategic guidance and advice to the ICVA Board of Directors on expanding ICVA's assessment portfolio through partnerships and collaborations with new international markets. The Committee consists of at least two members of the ICVA Board of Directors, along with members of the veterinary or assessment community who have experience in international collaborations, assessment, and/or education. Committee members serve a three-year term. For more information, [visit ICVA IAC](#). Nominations are due by September 10.
- [Mission Pet Health Mid-Level Practitioners and Veterinary Professional Associates Position Statement](#)
- [Oregon vet sues AI company saying misdiagnosis of cancer tumor led to 11-year-old dog's death](#)

2026 Veterinarian & LVT Licensure Renewal

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.
- The eServices Portal can be accessed from the [KBVE homepage](#) by scrolling down and clicking on the "Log In" button below the heading "Online Services".
- Need assistance? Email us at Vet@ky.gov or call 502-564-5433.

**** Be Advised ****

Inactive licensure status is a pause on the ability to practice; this status holds the license in place and no CE is required to renew, however, **license holders are prohibited from practice in Kentucky while in Inactive status.**

Renewal for Veterinarian and Veterinary Technician Licenses is now 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.

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

Guest Speakers:

- Association of Veterinary Technician Educators (AVTE)
- National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA)

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, and Board meeting agendas are posted in advance. Veterinarians and LVTs may also earn free CE for attending. This CE counts toward the new state/federal laws and regulations CE requirement.

Don't forget to check out the KBVE Meeting Minutes which highlight important 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?
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