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KENTUCKY BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS



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TODAY: Deadline for On-Time Veterinarian & Veterinary Technician License Renewal

The final day for on-time licensure renewal for Veterinarian and Veterinary Technician Licenses is today, September 30, 2026. Licenses may be renewed late during the renewal grace period until November 30 with a late fee.

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.

[Renew Your License Here](#)

**** 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.**

Important Renewal Reminders

- 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".
 - Be prepared. When you sit down to renew your license through the eServices Portal, have all your earned CE details, information for other licenses (license number and expiration dates), and your current contact information on hand.
 - Need assistance? Email us at Vet@ky.gov or call 502-564-5433.
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Renewal Statistics

As of September 29, 2026, licensees still pending renewal applications:

- 1,100 Veterinarians
- 245 LVTs

KBVE Chair Named Kentucky Veterinarian of the Year



The Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners is proud to announce that Board Chair John C. Park, DVM received special recognition as the 2026 Kentucky Veterinarian of the Year this past weekend at the Mid-America Veterinary Conference. He is pictured centered above with (from the left) his son Alec, wife Tonya, Dr. Gary Priest, and his daughter Blake.

"I am humbled and honored to receive this recognition, as there are many deserving of this award," said Dr. Park. "I am especially grateful to my mentors over the years, including Dr. Ted Cundiff, Dr. Paul Thorpe, Dr. Doug Byars, and Dr. Gary Priest, and for the support of my colleagues, the Park Equine team, and my family."

Congratulations, Dr. Park!

Look for additional award winners in a forthcoming announcement from the Kentucky Veterinarian Medical Association (KVMA).

The KVMA Mid-America Conference was held September 25-27, 2026 in Lexington, KY. The Board hosted an exhibit table on Friday and Saturday to assist licensees.

Kentucky Represents at the AAVSB Annual Meeting

AAVSB AMC held September 23-26, 2026

Last week, the Kentucky Board also represented the commonwealth on the national stage at the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) Annual Meeting and Conference (AMC). Kentucky participated in discussions and voting related to Association bylaws, governance, transparency, leadership, and veterinary regulatory model documents.

News You Can Use

- [KBVE comments submitted to the US Department of Education regarding Proposed Rule Changes for Accreditation](#). Following the release of proposed changes regarding school accreditation, the Board submitted a comment letter to the US DOE outlining concerns related to licensure mobility and the burden on states evaluating multiple accreditors.
- [AVMA President Dr. Jen Quammen's Dear Colleague Letter on Accreditation Changes](#). The AVMA is tracking accreditation changes as they relate to the Council on Education (COE) and is working to keep their Membership informed.
- [Combating Illicit Xylazine Act passes the U.S. House; moves to Senate](#). A huge step forward, this federal legislation moves to control xylazine while at the same time ensuring veterinarians retain access to this essential veterinary drug.
- [FDA Issues Warning Letters Following Fungal Contamination in a Veterinary Product Linked to Serious Infections in Nearly 100 Horses](#). At least 20 of the horses had to be humanely euthanized.

Grievance Case Spotlight

KBVE Agency Grievance # 2015-11

- **Issue:** While investigating a case against a dog groomer allegedly providing spay/neuter services, the Board discovered that a licensed veterinarian was

actually providing services. However, the Board was concerned about follow-up care arrangements.

- **Board Findings:** The Board contacted the veterinarian. After receiving a response, the Board conducted an investigation. The results of the investigation showed that the veterinarian had arrangements with at least four (4) local veterinarians to provide follow-up care. Because arrangements were in place to provide care after the licensee left the service region, the Board was satisfied that the post-op care emergencies would have appropriate coverage in compliance with the statutes. The Board dismissed the case, with an admonishment to ensure emergency care was not too far away for clients, as the patient care was the licensee's responsibility under the VCPR.
- **Case Timeline:** This case spanned four (4) months.

General Cautions: Post-op care is the responsibility of the veterinarian or veterinary facility that holds the VCPR. Both high volume s/n clinics and veterinarians providing surgery services are required to provide a means of follow-up care to patients and clients. Licensees have a responsibility to ensure emergency care information provided to clients is accurate.

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

KBVE Meetings Update

- **November 19, 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, and Board meeting agendas are posted in advance. Veterinarians and LVTs may also earn free CE for attending.

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.

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