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KENTUCKY BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS

KBVE Newsletter
October 2026 Edition

A Note from the KBVE Chair

The Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners (KBVE) is an 11 member board, including 10 seats appointed by the Governor: seven (7) veterinarians, one (1) LVT, one (1) citizen-at-large, and one (1) AAHP provider. The final seat is a permanent appointment awarded to the Commissioner of Agriculture who typically appoints as proxy the State Veterinarian. Each of these positions is a volunteer role that takes many dedicated hours to fulfill.

Members of the Board serve in an important public capacity with a mission to protect consumers and their animals by ensuring individuals licensed to practice are qualified to practice. The Board is tasked with establishing standards for professional licensure, everything from basic educational requirements and administrative processes for applications and renewals, to establishing minimum standards for practice and facilities, as well as investigations and licensee discipline.

Board service can be a challenging role. These volunteers often miss work to donate their time and attend meetings, spend evening and weekend hours reviewing files and meeting materials, and make difficult decisions when





John C. Park, DVM
KBVE Board Chair
Equine Veterinarian

necessary to fulfill the Board's public protection responsibilities.

The KBVE Education and Outreach Committee has created a new feature in the Board newsletter to spotlight representatives appointed to the Board. The goal is to provide readers an opportunity to get to know the people serving the public and to help everyone learn a little more about what we do on the Board. I hope you enjoy this new feature in the newsletter.

Board Member Spotlight



Stephanie Kennedy, DVM

Small Animal Veterinarian
Frankfort, KY
Serving Second Consecutive Term
Original Appointment: September 14, 2020
Current Term End Date: September 27, 2028

What do you do on the Board?
I have been on the Applications Committee since I started on the Board and am currently the Committee Chairperson. We are a small committee of three veterinarians with a great support staff.

Why did you choose to serve on KBVE?
I first decided to serve on KBVE because a colleague was very involved with KVMA, and I decided I also wanted to help make an impact on the future of veterinary medicine in Kentucky.

What has surprised you the most since becoming involved with KBVE?
I really had no idea how involved KBVE is in the legislative process. In my first year, we began working on updating The Practice Act. WOW, what an undertaking! If you haven't given it a read as a credential holder, you should. Granted, it is not an easy read but very informative.

What is one thing you'd like Kentucky licensees to know about the Board or its work?
I would like licensees to remember that the Members of the Board are also licensed veterinarians, technicians, allied animal health professionals and one citizen-at-large of the Commonwealth (as stated in KRS 321.230…there's that legislative lingo!). We are not a random group of individuals. The work we do is to improve the profession as a whole and to protect the citizens of our Commonwealth.

What is one interesting or fun fact about your career, professional journey, or time working in Kentucky?

After a recent class reunion at Auburn, a classmate referred to me as a “unicorn” because I have been practicing at the same clinic for 28 years. I also worked at this same clinic since my undergraduate studies. Either I know a great place when I see it or I’m too ornery to change!

See the full list of Members of the Board.

News You Can Use

- **Wedgewood Pharmacy / FDA Drug Recall**. The recall covers certain products shipped nationwide from Feb. 18 through Oct. 6 to veterinary practices, pharmacies and other customers

- **FDA accepting comments on Draft CVM GFI #256B** - Compounding Animal Drugs from Bulk Drug Substances: Compounding under CGMP in Federally-Registered Facilities. Comments are being accepted until November 27, 2026.

- The **Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association (KVMA)** issued a call for responses this week to the **KVMA Strategic Planning Survey** -- and its not just for members. All licensees are welcome and encouraged to respond. The survey takes 10-15 min and will inform the KVMA Leadership during their strategic planning process for the veterinary professions in Kentucky.

- **The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA)** State Veterinarian recently announced regulatory updates on **importation requirements for all horses and other equidae**. An eCVI and a negative EIA (Coggins) test is required for equidae 12 months or older. The requirements extend to animals that enter Ohio for sales (e.g., auctions, sale barns, livestock markets, etc.). Learn more on the ODA website.

- **Texas confirms first detection of New World Screwworm (NWS) in wildlife**. The elk was located on a game ranch in a previously established infestation zone. See the status of all NWS cases on the **USDA APHIS NWS website**.

Grievance Case Spotlight

KBVE Agency Grievance # 2022-10

Issue: During a dental procedure, the respondent veterinarian identified two oral masses but did not communicate the findings or discuss potential treatment options with the client. Several weeks later, the patient returned for evaluation of oral swelling. Initial diagnostic findings suggested inflammation; however, the masses subsequently grew rapidly, prompting referral to a specialist. Further evaluation identified malignant melanoma in one mass, with a poor prognosis. The client elected palliative care and ultimately euthanasia. Earlier communication of the findings could have provided the client with an opportunity to pursue additional evaluation and treatment options sooner.

Board Findings: After reviewing the complaint and response, the Board ordered an investigation. The Board identified a lack of communication to the client about the masses and that the masses were initially misidentified. The Board entered into a settlement agreement with the licensee, including the requirement for four (4) additional hours of CE on the topic of dental cleanings, oral treatments, and the identification of oral masses, and a $500 administrative fine.

Resolution Timeline: 22 months, 22 days. (Feb 28, 2022 - Jan 19, 2024).

Professional Takeaway: Client communication is a key component of the VCPR. Findings must be communicated and clients must be provided options to make an informed decision. Veterinary Facilities should implement standard protocols to ensure timely and appropriate communication regarding the medical status of patients.

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. 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 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.

License Renewal Open - Grace Period In Effect

Renewal Status Update

- Veterinarians with completed renewals.....2,287
- Veterinarians not yet renewed.....657
- LVTs with completed renewals.....629
- LVTs not yet renewed.....146
- Audits conducted.....318
- Audits pending in queue.....230
- Paper renewal submissions.....37

Renewal for Veterinarian and Veterinary Technician Licenses opened July 1, 2026.

Licensees are now in the renewal grace period, which ends November 30.

- $495 + $300 late fee - Active veterinarian license
- $100 = $200 late fee - Inactive* veterinarian license

- $45 + $30 late fee - Active LVT license
- $10 + $25 late fee - Inactive* LVT license

**** 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**.

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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