



**KENYA
VETERINARY
BOARD**

welcome to our Quarterly Newsletter



Welcome to KVB

KVB plays an important role in safeguarding animal health and in turn public health. The Board's mandate is regulation of veterinary practices and advising the government of matters thereof.

KVB is committed to provide quality services by upholding the set veterinary standards as stipulated in the VSVP Act, 2011 through inspections of veterinary service providers, ensuring full compliance with legal and requirements and observing strict adherence to the professional code of conduct.

The Board has been equipped with ample resources to deliver services faster, efficiently and in a friendly manner to its customers all times.



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Self Regulation



KVB'S TAKE ON STREAMLINING VETERINARY PRACTICES IN KENYA

In a recent interview on KBC Inside Government with host O'Brian Kimani, the Chief Executive Officer of the Kenya Veterinary Board (KVB) shed light on pressing issues affecting the veterinary profession and animal health services in the country. She emphasized the growing concern over the presence of non-registered and unqualified individuals operating in the veterinary field, warning of the potential risks they pose to both animals and public health.

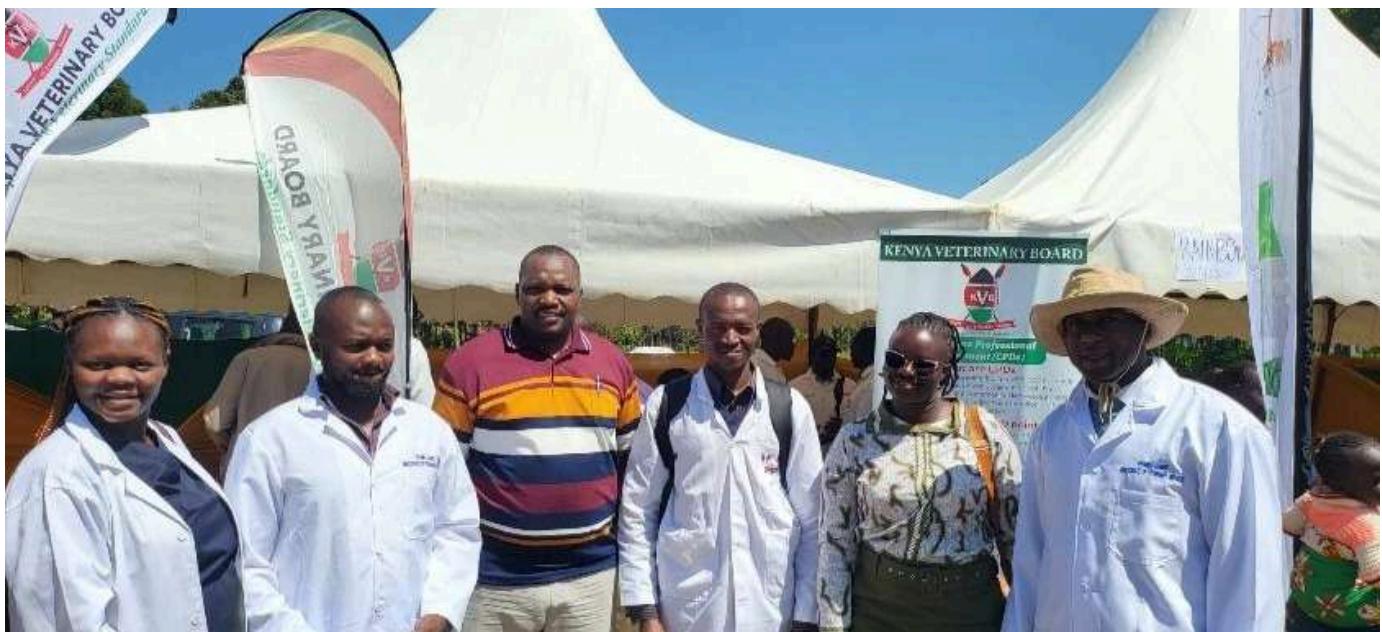
The CEO reiterated the Board's mandate in advising the government both national and county governments on matters relating to veterinary services. This, she noted, is key to strengthening devolved veterinary services and ensuring uniform standards across the counties.

To support transparency and accountability, the Board maintains a publicly accessible register on its official website. This allows members of the public to verify the credentials of veterinary professionals and ensure they are consulting duly qualified individuals.

She further emphasized the importance of self-regulation within the profession, urging practitioners to uphold high ethical standards and take responsibility for the integrity of the services they provide.

On the matter of professional compliance, the CEO disclosed that the Board had achieved a 40% retention rate as of April. However, they are actively working toward a target of 70% retention before June, through increased outreach and system improvements.

With these initiatives, KVB continues to safeguard professional standards and promote responsible animal health practices across the country.



INSPECTION & MARKET SURVEILLANCE IN KISII COUNTY

KVB inspectors carried out a farmer field day and post inspection surveillance in Kisii and Nyamira County Government. The Department of Agriculture in Nyamira County organized a Farmer's field day to launch the Animal Heat Synchronization and Artificial Insemination programs. KVB participated in the event and engaged with farmers and professionals on regulatory matters. In addition, it also offered onsite services including checking of retention status for professionals, clearance of arrears and provision of licensing application forms.

Dr. Kibore, Director, Compliance, Enforcement and Market Surveillance emphasized on the importance of seeking veterinary services only from registered professionals and in good standing with the Board. He also advised the professionals to comply to avoid their certificates being recalled.

The team then proceeded for post inspection surveillance in Nyamira and Kisii Counties. The assessment revealed various cases of malpractice with non registered individuals were dispensing veterinary medicine.



A veterinary inspector advising farmers on the mandate of the Board.



Veterinary professionals confirming their retention status with a veterinary inspector.

INSTITUTION INSPECTION

KVB is mandated to exercise regulation and control over the training, practice, business and employment of Veterinary surgeons and Veterinary paraprofessionals in Kenya. This includes inspection of training institutions approved to offer animal health and veterinary medicine courses in Kenya. Section 33. (1) of the VSVP Regulations prescribes standards for training institutions desiring to offer courses for the award of degree of veterinary medicine to have adequate physical facilities and equipment that meet the minimum standards. These standards include:

General Physical Facility Requirements (All Levels)

- A lecture theatre for every class
- Adequate laboratories:
- Seminar/meeting rooms
- Administrative and staff offices
- Veterinary library
- Animal farm with:
 - At least 2 animals per student (cattle, sheep, goats, pigs)
 - 1 poultry flock (200 birds) per 10 students
 - 1 fish farm and 1 rabbit farm
- Access to student accommodation and food facilities nearby
- Facilities and equipment must be clean and well-maintained

Staff and Academic Requirements

- Lecturers for animal health must be veterinary surgeons
- Lecturers must hold relevant qualifications
- Heads of faculty/sections must be veterinary surgeons
- Ratio of permanent to part-time lecturers should be at least 3:1
- Adequate number of technologists, technicians, and support staff
- Minimum teaching aids must be available

Compliance

- All labs and equipment must meet the standards outlined in Section 29 of the Act
- Staff qualifications and service terms must comply with standards set by the tertiary and higher education regulator

**HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT
STANDARDS FOR TRAINING
INSTITUTIONS ?**



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MEMBER MANAGEMENT PORTAL

Kenya Veterinary Board is set to launch its new Member Management Portal, marking a significant milestone in enhancing service delivery to veterinary practitioners.

During the Know the Board session held on 20th June 2025, all registered and retained members were introduced to the portal, which will officially go live and be fully accessible to all practitioners from 1st July 2025.

This platform is a positive step forward, improving the ease of doing business with the Board. Practitioners will now be able to access real-time information on their retention status, manage their profiles, and stay up to date with Board requirements more conveniently.

The rollout of this system reflects KVB's commitment to digital transformation and better engagement with its members — truly a new dawn for the Board and the veterinary profession in Kenya.



Stakeholder meeting between KVB, VMD Council & other stakeholders to review the Veterinary Practice & Medicinal Products Bill, 2024.



KVB's Director, Compliance & Market Surveillance during a field day in Kisii County.



KVB CEO paying a courtesy call to CDVS, Homabay County.



KVB CEO during the 2025 Madaraka Celebrations in Homabay County.



KVB Team during inspection of Eldoret Technical Training Institute.





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