



KENTUCKY BOARD OF
VETERINARY EXAMINERS



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REQUIREMENTS FOR ANIMAL CONTROL AGENCIES AND ANIMAL EUTHANASIA

Michelle M. Shane, KBVE Executive Director



Learn more about the Kentucky Practice Act at kbve.ky.gov/Pages/practice-act.aspx



PRESENTATION GOALS

- Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners (KBVE)
- KBVE Website
- Deep Dive - Statutes and Regulations
 - Animal Control Agencies (ACAs)
 - Animal Euthanasia Specialists (AESs)
- General Cautions & Duties to Notify
- FAQs



THE KENTUCKY BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS (KBVE)



MEMBERS OF THE KENTUCKY BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS

1. Chair John C. Park, DVM

- Serving 2nd term – Exp. 9/27/2028
- Equine
- Paris, KY

2. Vice Chair Jen K. Quammen, DVM

- Serving 1st term – Exp. 10/30/2027
- Small animal
- Walton, KY
- AVMA President-Elect (2025-2026)

3. Dianne J. Dawes, DVM

- Serving 2nd full term – Exp. 9/28/2029
- Small animal
- Georgetown, KY

4. Tom M. Dorman, Citizen-at-Large

- Serving 2nd term – Exp. 4/6/2029
- Extensive regulatory background
- Frankfort, KY

5. Tim R. Gardner, DVM

- Serving 2nd term – Exp. 9/28/2026
- Large animal
- Scottsville, KY

6. Stephanie M. Kennedy, DVM

- Serving 2nd term – Exp. 9/27/2028
- Small animal
- Frankfort, KY

7. Philip E. Prater, DVM

- Serving 1st term – Exp. 10/30/2027
- Large Animal
- Hillsboro, KY

8. Gene Smith, DVM

- Serving 4th term (16+ years) – Exp. 9/27/2026
- Small animal
- Hazard, KY

9. Amy J. Staton, EdD, LVT

- Serving 3rd term – Exp. 7/13/2028
- LVT Program Director @ Morehead
- Salt Lick, KY

10. Steve Velasco, DVM

- Kentucky State Veterinarian
- Proxy for KDA Commissioner Jonathan Shell – Permanent seat
- Versailles, KY

11. TBD

- AAHP Provider – Exp. TBD

Apply to be on the KBVE:
governor.ky.gov/services/application-for-boards-and-commissions



BOARD MEETINGS

- Minimum two (2) times per year (KRS 321.240(2))
 - Since 2020, Board has been meeting 8-11 times per year to address statutory and regulatory needs related to the Practice Act Modernization (23RS HB 167)
- In 2027, moving to a quarterly meeting schedule
 - Day 1 – Afternoon Committee Meetings
 - Day 2 – All day Board Meeting
- Minutes of proceedings -
<https://kbve.ky.gov/about-kbve/Pages/board-meetings.aspx>



THE KENTUCKY VETERINARY MEDICINE PRACTICE ACT

Credentials Assigned to KBVE

#	Credential	Active	Inactive
1	Veterinarians	2,839	97
2	Special Permits	7	n/a
3	Veterinary Technicians	705	44
4	Animal Control Agencies (ACAs)	48	n/a
5	Animal Euthanasia Specialists (AESs)	169	140
6	Veterinary Facility Registrations*	693	n/a
7	AAHP - Animal Chiropractic Providers (ACPs)*	5	0
8	AAHP - Equine Dental Providers (EDPs)*	12	0
9	AAHP Facility Registrations *	1	n/a

* New Credentials in 2023 and 2025



KBVE WEBSITE





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- Continuing Education
- Grievances
- FAQ and other Resources
 - DEA Registrant Contact
 - Wellness Program information





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The Kentucky Veterinary Medicine Practice Act

The Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners governs through Kentucky statutes and regulations. These rules are collectively known as the Kentucky Veterinary Medicine Practice Act ("Practice Act"). Links to each statute and regulation can be found below; The Practice Act is summarized by the KBVE Booklet entitled [Laws and Regulations](#) relating to the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners.

- [KBVE Laws & Regulations Booklet](#)



[kbve.ky.gov/Pages/
practice-act.aspx](http://kbve.ky.gov/Pages/practice-act.aspx)



LOCATE INFORMATION ON THE KBVE WEBSITE



- **ACA and AES Prerequisites for Certification**

<https://kbve.ky.gov/Pages/prerequisites-for-licensure.aspx>



- **ACA and AES Applications and Renewal Forms**

<https://kbve.ky.gov/forms-verification/Pages/default.aspx>

Need other information / Have questions?

Vet@ky.gov

U.S. DEA Registrant Information

571-362-6905

Louisville.Diversion.Registration@dea.gov



DEEP DIVE STATUTES & REGULATIONS



CURRENT STATUTES – AUTHORITY AND INTENT

General Assembly intent is to provide counties a means by which they can manage animal populations by euthanizing shelter animals in a fiscally reasonable manner.

- KRS 321.207
- KRS 321.208
- Requires KBVE to promulgate regulations governing allowable activities and restrictions:
 - Proper storage and handling of drugs
 - Authorize ACA application to the DEA for DEA Registration
 - Requirements and restrictions for AES
 - Limit specific drugs purchased by ACAs and used by AES
 - Require certificate renewal



CURRENT STATUTES – AUTHORITY AND INTENT

The statutes DO NOT authorize an ACA or its AES employees to engage in the practice of veterinary medicine with the public.



STATUTES – UNDER OTHER KENTUCKY AGENCIES

Under the authority of other agencies:

- Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA)
- State Board of Agriculture (SBA)
- Office of the State Veterinarian (OSV)
- Animal Control Advisory Board (ACAB)
- Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS)
- Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH)

- **KRS Chapter 257 –**

- Abandoned animals
- Sale of unclaimed animals held by veterinarians
- Species specific rules (e.g., equines, poultry, swine, cervids)
- Reportable diseases

- **KRS Chapter 258 –**

- Animal Control Officers (ACOs)
- Rabies clinics
- Service animals
- Destruction of dogs



REGULATIONS

- Kentucky Administrative Regulations (KAR) – 201 KAR Chapter 16
- 201 KAR 16:500 – 16:777
- **Important to ACAs and AESs:**
 - 201 KAR 16:514 - Fees for animal control agencies and animal euthanasia specialists
 - 201 KAR 16:550 - Authorization for animal control agencies to apply for a restricted controlled substances certificate from DEA
 - * • **201 KAR 16:552 - Responsibilities for certified animal control agencies; limitations on drugs**
 - 201 KAR 16:560 - Certification as an animal euthanasia specialist
 - * • **201 KAR 16:562 - Duties and responsibilities of an animal euthanasia specialist**
 - 201 KAR 16:572 - Certificate renewal for animal control agencies and animal euthanasia specialists; renewal notice
 - 201 KAR 16:580 - Board issued licenses and certificates, inactive and retired statuses



KBVE REGULATIONS DEEP DIVE

ACA Applications (201 KAR 16:550)

- Application to KBVE
 - Pre-Certification Inspection required
 - Before Drugs can be ordered:
 - KBVE approval and ACA certificate issued
 - Obtain DEA Registration
 - KBVE-certified AES must hold active certificate before any euthanasia activities may begin
- Background Checks for **ACA Designated On-site Managers**
 - Approved background check providers:
 - FBI Background Check or
 - A state-wide background check within six (6) months of the application date
 - Rap sheets
- Euthanasia-by-Injection (EBI) Course – 16 hours (2 days)
 - Course recommended (not yet required) for Designated On-site Manager



KBVE REGULATIONS DEEP DIVE

ACA Designated On-site Manager (DOM)

- Responsible for DEA Registration
 - Procurement, management, disposal of board-approved drugs (Other drugs not allowable)
 - DEA Form 222
 - Power of Attorney
 - Drug access and security
 - Drug logs
- Euthanasia-by-Injection (EBI) Course – 16 hours (2 days)
 - Course recommended (not required) for Designated On-site Manager
- DEA Fines for Improper Drug Management (minimum fines do adjust for inflation):
 - \$15,000 - \$62,000 PER VIOLATION



KBVE REGULATIONS DEEP DIVE

ACA Designated On-site Manager (DOM)

- Maintain SOPs
 - Carcass disposal in accordance with all state and local laws and ordinances
 - Euthanasia procedures (EBI course manual)
- Designated area for euthanasia
- Ensure proper KBVE-certification of all employees conducting euthanasia
- Duty to notify
 - Change of AES employment status



KBVE REGULATIONS DEEP DIVE

AES Applications (201 KAR 16:560)

- Euthanasia-by-Injection (EBI) Course – 16 hours (2 days)
 - Must pass exam with $\geq 80\%$
 - Provides certificate of course completion – THIS IS NOT A LICENSE TO EUTHANIZE
 - Certificate good for 24-months from date of completion
- Application to KBVE
 - AES Certificate required to obtain the license
 - 21 years of age
 - Approval and certificate issuance required before any euthanasia activities may begin
- Background Checks for **AES Applicants**
 - Approved background check providers:
 - FBI Background Check or
 - A state-wide background check within six (6) months of the application date
 - Rap sheets
 - 26RS HB 185



FUTURE TRAININGS

- 2-day course in Kentucky
 - Rotating locations
 - Approx. quarterly
- Next training scheduled in October 8-9, 2026
- Trainings listed on the website on the Applications and Forms page under the heading for Animal Euthanasia Specialist

Email Vet@ky.gov with course needs



KBVE REGULATIONS DEEP DIVE

Allowable Drugs (201 KAR 16:552, Section 4)

- Euthanasia drugs:
 - 1) sodium pentobarbital – federally controlled substance – must be logged
- Euthanasia assist (sedative or anesthesia) drugs, or any combination thereof:
 - 1) Acepromazine
 - 2) Dexmedetomidine
 - 3) Ketamine – federally controlled substance – must be logged
 - 4) Xylazine – pending federal scheduling – recommended to begin logging now
- Limit drugs to a **30-day supply or lowest quantity available**
- All drugs should be used by the expiration date or properly disposed of

Board inspectors shall verify the drug quantities present and drug logs during each inspection.



KBVE REGULATIONS DEEP DIVE

Storage Requirements (201 KAR 16:552, Sections 5 and 7)

- For drugs and logs,
 - Securely locked cabinet bolted securely to the floor or wall
 - Cabinet shall be within a locked storage room or other enclosure
- Separate storage for order forms
 - Securely locked cabinet within a locked storage room or other enclosure
- BOTH storage areas shall be at the **DEA address of record** for the certified animal control agency
 - This should be the animal control facility; NOT the courthouse, fiscal court, or any other county office.
- Retention Schedule –
 - For DEA – Keep drug log records a min. 2 years – Yet, DEA defers to state rules.
 - For KBVE – Keep drug log records MINIMUM 5 YEARS.



KBVE REGULATIONS DEEP DIVE

AES Scope of Practice (KRS 321.207)

- Current employment with a KBVE-Certified ACA
- Euthanasia only performed on shelter-owned animals except in cases of “emergency care”, as defined in KRS 321.181(33) –
"immediate treatment that is necessary to sustain life or end suffering of an animal that is in a life-threatening condition"
- Never on privately-owned animals as a public service, for a fee, or for personal gain (KRS 321.207(4))
- Transport of Drugs



KBVE REGULATIONS DEEP DIVE

Euthanasia Area (201 KAR 16:552, Section 3)

- Designated Area
- Clean and orderly
- Free of clutter
- No other animals



KBVE REGULATIONS DEEP DIVE

Sharps Disposal (201 KAR 16:552, Section 6)

- All needles in an animal control agency shall:
 - Not be accessible to the public
 - After use, be rendered incapable of use
 - Be disposed of in an approved biohazard or sharps container
- Cannot reuse needles
 - Needle becomes dulled with use and if reused extremely difficult to enter vein
 - Possibility of sticking self with needle which has euthanasia drugs on the tip



KBVE REGULATIONS DEEP DIVE

Drug Disposal (201 KAR 16:552, Section 8)

- Transfer* non-expired, non-controlled drugs to a licensed veterinarian.
- Transfer* non-expired, controlled drugs to a DEA registered, board-licensed veterinarian using DEA Form 222. Copies of the DEA Form 222 shall be distributed per federal law.
- Surrender* expired or non-expired drugs to local law enforcement for destruction.
- Inject expired or non-expired drugs into and incinerate* an animal carcass in accordance with state and local rules on incineration. Written documentation shall describe the amounts disposed of, type of carcass, date of injection and incineration, witnesses, and any other pertinent details.

*Written receipt or witnessed record of destruction required



KBVE REGULATIONS DEEP DIVE

Periodic Inspections (201 KAR 16:550, Section 5)

- Frequency = pre-certification, annual periodic, reinstatement, closure, or as needed
 - Typically, at least one (1) approx. every 12 months
- Education and Outreach
- Inspection Form:
 - Verification of all current AES
 - Verification of any relationships with veterinarians or LVTs
 - Drug Checks: logs, order forms, storage, etc.
 - Euthanasia area
- New policy to send final copies of reports to ACA DOM and County Judge Executive
- Primary point of contact will be the KBVE Investigator
 - Coy St. Clair, DVM
 - J.T. Williams, DVM
- Can always call KBVE Office or email Vet@ky.gov for verification or with any questions or to get an investigator's contact information



KBVE REGULATIONS DEEP DIVE

Veterinary Facility Registrations (201 KAR 16:515, 16:762 – 16:767)

- Do you provide veterinary services to the public or for publicly owned animals?
- Veterinary Facility Registration Required, even if ACA Certificate already held
 - \$550 initial registration fee by 9/30/2025
 - \$200 renewal biennially in odd years

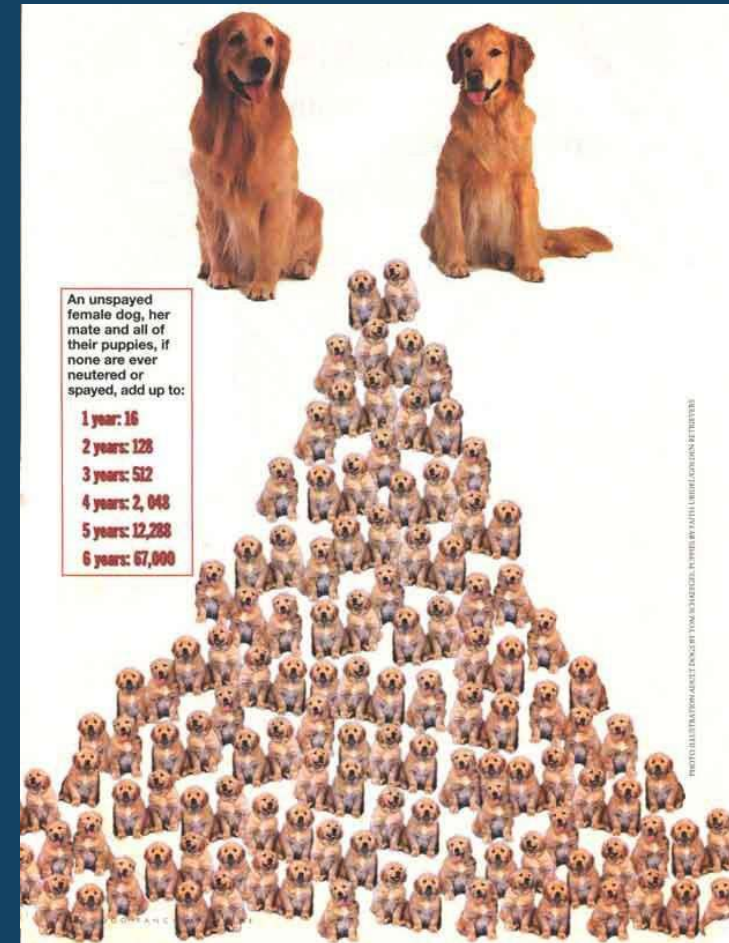


GENERAL CAUTIONS & DUTIES TO NOTIFY



GENERAL CAUTIONS – ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL

- Spay/neuter the entire shelter population
- Humane conditions (KRS 258.119(3))
- Premixing of drugs, access
- Controlled Substances:
If the animal shelter is not KBVE-certified, it is against the law to:
 - Hold a DEA Controlled Substances (CS) RegistrationThe only way a non-KBVE certified ACA can have CS onsite is if a veterinarian holds a DEA Registration in their name with the DEA Registrant address as the ACA address.
 - A veterinarian cannot store drugs at the ACA if their DEA Registrant address is at another location.
- Prohibited from purchasing controlled substances from a local veterinarian
 - Drugs need to be obtained from a distributor



GENERAL CAUTIONS RE SHELTER VETERINARIANS

Veterinarians who work in an ACA and hold a separate DEA Registration than the ACA:

- With a different registrant address (i.e., not the ACA address) CANNOT store their drugs at the ACA
- With the same registrant address (i.e., same address as the ACA) may store their drugs at the ACA location ONLY IF separate, secure, locked storage
 - Same security requirements
 - Bolted to floor or wall
 - Locked
 - Within locked room
 - Access

Questions about storage? Contact Vet@ky.gov or call 502-564-5433



GENERAL CAUTIONS - INSPECTIONS

KBVE Periodic Inspections – Frequent issues found in ACAs

- Proper disposal of expired drugs
- Appropriate logging of ketamine (Schedule III)
- Written SOP for carcass disposal
- Taking proper controlled drug inventories
- Not logging Xylazine like a controlled drug
- Having designated euthanasia area separate from where other animals are housed
- Making sure only the appropriate employees have access to controlled drugs



GENERAL CAUTIONS - LOGS

- **Drug Logs**

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GENERAL CAUTIONS - DUTY TO NOTIFY

- Termination of employment for any AES - 10 days
 - Email Vet@ky.gov
- Change in Designated On-site Manager (DOM) - 10 days
 - Use the “Request for a New Designated On-site Manager” Form
 - Background check required for new DOM
 - Form can be submitted via email
 - No fees



GENERAL CAUTIONS - DUTY TO NOTIFY

- **Change Name or Address (Business or Home) - 30 days**
 - Use the “Request for Name or Address Change” form or “Request for Facility Information Change” form
 - Form can be submitted via email
 - No fees
- **Discipline or Conviction - 30 days**
 - This means ANY discipline
 - In any other Jurisdiction of Licensure
 - Includes federal and other state licenses: USDA APHIS, DEA, state CS
 - Failure to report shall be cause for KBVE to open a Grievance Case against licensee



GENERAL CAUTIONS - DUTY TO NOTIFY

- **Drug Diversion – 24 hours**

Theft or significant loss of any controlled substance, disposal receptacles, or listed chemicals

- Reporting must occur to KBVE and DEA within one (1) business day

- Email DEA at Louisville.Diversion.Registration@dea.gov

- Follow up with DEA Form 106 in 45 calendar days

- Email KBVE at Vet@ky.gov



GENERAL CAUTIONS - OTHER

- Rabies vaccine administration

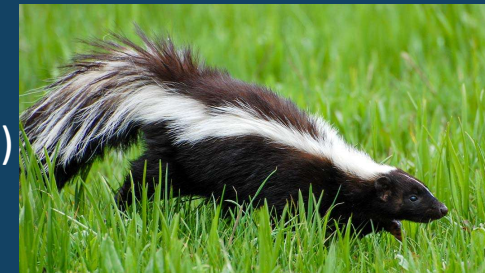
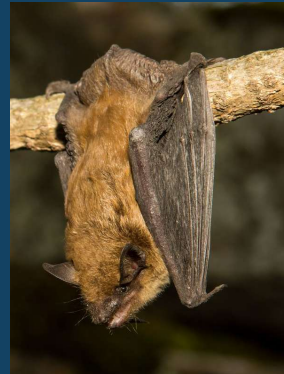


GENERAL CAUTIONS - OTHER

Kentucky Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Resources (KDFWR)

- **Rabies vector species** (301 KAR 2:081)

- Bats
- Coyote
- Gray fox
- Raccoon
- Red fox
- Spotted skunk
- Striped skunk
- Hybrids of those in the list



- **"Enhanced Rabies Surveillance Zone"**
– **must euthanize injured vectors**

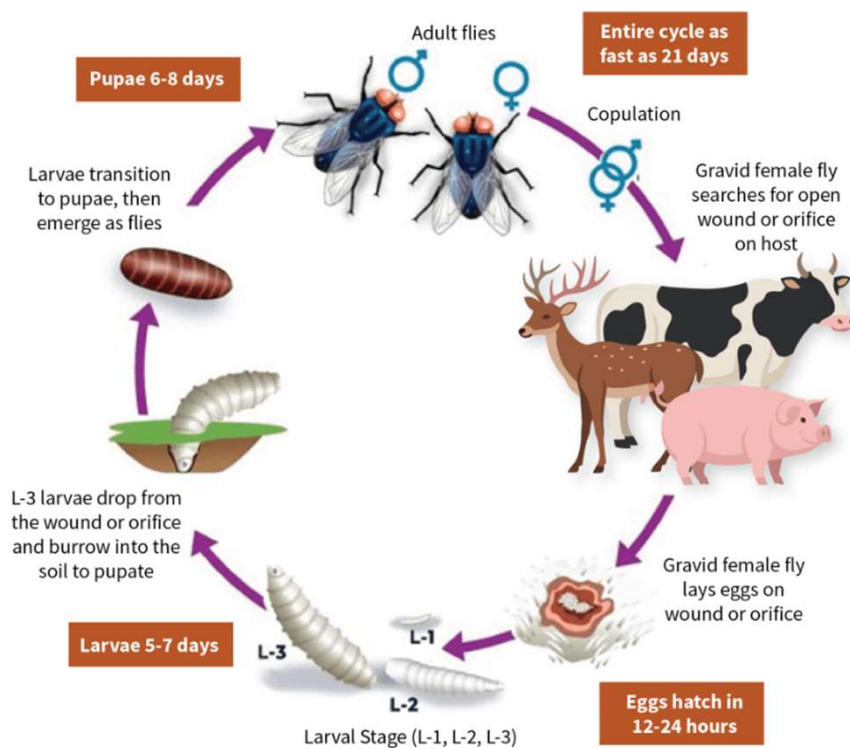
- Bell, Floyd, Johnson, Knott, Letcher, Martin, Pike, Perry (8/120)

- **Following stabilization, transfer of wildlife required**

- Certified Wildlife Rehabilitator (301 KAR 2:075)
- Commercial Nuisance Wildlife Control Operator (301 KAR 3:120)
- Captive Wildlife Holder (301 KAR 2:081)
- Wildlife Transporter (301 KAR 2:082)

GENERAL CAUTIONS – NEW WORLD SCREWWORM (NWS)

NWS Life Cycle



- New World screwworm (NWS, *Cochliomyia hominivorax*) – infects mammals – livestock, pets, wildlife, occasionally birds, and people.
- When NWS fly larvae (maggots) burrow into the flesh of a living animal, they cause serious, often deadly damage to the animal. It smells bad!
- First modern NWS case detected 6/3/2026 in U.S.
 - Texas, 23 miles across Border
 - Currently 45 active cases in US
- Encourage ACA staff to review APHIS Module on NWS <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/nvap/training-modules> Module # 41
- Suspected cases of NWS should be reported immediately:
 - Kentucky Office of the State Veterinarian (302 KAR 22:030) at statevet@ky.gov, and
 - USDA APHIS Area Veterinarians in Charge at christopher.j.craig@usda.gov.
- Movement restrictions on livestock now in place by OSV Contact StateVet@ky.gov



GENERAL CAUTIONS – JUST ASK KBVE!

- **Read the regulations**

<https://kbve.ky.gov/Pages/practice-act.aspx>

- Questions?

Ask KBVE!

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FAQs



FAQs

- Where to purchase drugs?
From a licensed distributor
- 30-Day Supply?
 - Smallest amount or the smallest amount in which the bottle is manufactured for distribution
 - Assess this by looking at the past year's usage and divide by 12 to estimate the month's supply
 - Needs to be a reasonable estimate
 - Don't want to be caught in a deficit, so use commonsense
- Retake EBI Course?
 - If course is older than 24-months from date of application, individual will need to re-take the EBI course
 - Board recommends retaking every 5 years
- Is CE required for AES?
Not currently, but refresher courses are recommended as needed

Other questions? Email Vet@ky.gov





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