

Newsletter

Kenya Veterinary Board



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 providing 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 is equipped with ample resources to deliver services faster, efficiently and in a friendly manner to its customers all times.



Newsletter Highlights

Hosting the FAO Delegation to Strengthen Veterinary Regulatory Systems in Africa

Recall of Certificates Issued to Non-Compliant Persons

Hosting the Veterinary Council of Nigeria Delegation

Compliance Inspections in Nandi, Uasin Gishu and Elgeyo Marakwet Counties

Nationwide Compliance Inspections Across Northern and Rift Regions

World Rabies Day 2025



KVB HOSTS FAO DELEGATION TO STRENGTHEN VETERINARY REGULATORY

The Kenya Veterinary Board (KVB), led by Chief Executive Officer Dr. Mary T. Agutu, hosted a delegation from the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) headed by Dr. Sam Okuthe for discussions aimed at enhancing collaboration between the two institutions.



The meeting focused on

strengthening Veterinary Statutory Bodies (VSBs) across the region and the African continent to promote effective veterinary governance, professional standards, and improved animal health systems.

The engagement reaffirmed the shared commitment of KVB and FAO to fostering stronger regulatory frameworks and advancing the veterinary profession in support of sustainable livestock development and public health in Africa

CERTIFICATES OF NON-COMPLIANT PERSONS RECALLED

The Kenya Veterinary Board (KVB) has commenced the recall of registration certificates held by individuals whose names do not appear in the official Register, in line with Sections 20(3), 21(6), and 42 of the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Paraprofessionals (VSVP) Act, 2011, Board Resolution No. 2725, and the notice of recall issued on 17 June 2025.

Affected persons have been formally notified and required to surrender their original registration certificates to the Registrar of the Board at the KVB Headquarters in Kabete, Nairobi, within 90 days from the date of the notice and no later than 10 October 2025.

The Board has also reiterated that, pursuant to Section 13(1) of the VSVP Act, 2011, no person is permitted to practice, or hold themselves out either directly or indirectly as being able to practice, unless they are duly registered. Further, failure to surrender a recalled certificate constitutes an offence under Section 38(p) of the Act and may attract a penalty of a fine not exceeding KSh 100,000, imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months, or both.

The exercise forms part of the Board's ongoing efforts to uphold professional standards, maintain the integrity of the Register, and ensure that veterinary services in Kenya are provided only by duly registered and authorized practitioners.

BOARD HOSTS DELEGATION FROM THE VETERINARY COUNCIL OF NIGERIA



The Kenya Veterinary Board (KVB) welcomed Dr. Sunday Agbonika and Dr. Farhan Akorede from Nigeria during their official visit to Kenya. The delegation conveyed warm greetings from the Veterinary Council of Nigeria and commended the Board for its efforts in streamlining the veterinary sector in Kenya, noting that these initiatives

have inspired and re-energized other Veterinary Statutory Bodies (VSBs) across Africa. KVB Chief Executive Officer Dr. Mary T. Agutu highlighted the strong relations between Kenya and Nigeria and underscored the importance of deepening technical collaboration to advance veterinary practice across the continent and enhance the safety of foods of animal origin.

Also present during the meeting were Dr. Benson Kibore, Director Compliance, Enforcement & Market Surveillance, and Dr. Jaquinvidah Gila, Director Standards, Registration & Licensing.



COMPLIANCE INSPECTIONS INTENSIFIED IN NANDI, UASIN GISHU AND ELGEYO MARAKWET COUNTIES

The Kenya Veterinary Board (KVB) has stepped up ongoing compliance and inspection exercises targeting veterinary practices across Nandi, Uasin Gishu, and Elgeyo Marakwet Counties, as part of its continued mandate to regulate the veterinary sector and uphold professional standards.

The enforcement operation has so far led to the arrest of seven individuals and the closure of several illegal veterinary establishments found to be operating in clear violation of the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Paraprofessionals Act No. 29 of 2011 and its attendant Regulations.

The affected premises were found to be operating without proper registration and

authorization, thereby posing risks to animal health, public safety, and the integrity of veterinary services.

The Board emphasized that the exercise is not only punitive but also corrective in nature, aimed at ensuring that all practitioners adhere strictly to the legal and professional requirements governing veterinary practice in Kenya.




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NOTICE OF KVB INSPECTIONS

Kenya Veterinary Board will conduct a veterinary practice assessment in the month of September 2025 in the counties listed below:

TEAM 1: Turkana, West Pokot, Transzoia
TEAM 2: Nandi, Uasin Gishu, Elgeyo Marakwet and Baringo

All Practitioners are required to:

- Display a 2025 practice licence, Retention card and/or VMD licence.
- Have a lockable cabinet for prescription only medicines (P.O.M.s) and a prescription file.

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Upholding Veterinary Standards

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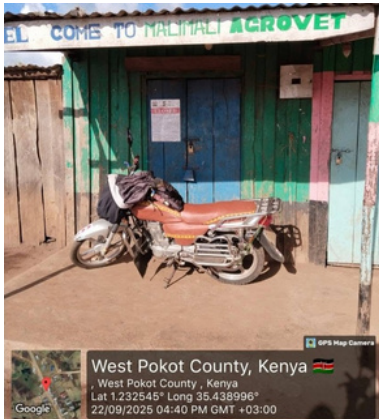


This is intended to safeguard livestock productivity, food safety, and public health outcomes linked to animal health services.

KVB further reiterated that the ongoing enforcement actions form part of a broader national compliance strategy and announced that it will intensify surveillance and inspections across all counties. The Board remains committed to eliminating unauthorized veterinary practice and ensuring that only qualified, registered, and compliant practitioners offer veterinary services to the public.

NATIONWIDE COMPLIANCE INSPECTION EXERCISE ACROSS NORTHERN AND RIFT REGIONS

From Lokichogio, Kakuma, Lodwar, Kalemngorok, Lokichar and Kainuk in Turkana County to Ortum, Lelan, Makutano and Lomut in West Pokot County, and further into Trans Nzoia and Elgeyo Marakwet Counties, Kenya Veterinary Board inspectors are actively conducting a comprehensive compliance assessment of veterinary practice.



The ongoing exercise has resulted in several corrective actions, including arrests and the securing of premises found to be operating illegally. These interventions are aimed at enforcing adherence to the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Paraprofessionals Act No.



29 of 2011 and its Regulations. Working in close collaboration with security agencies and County Directors of Veterinary Services, the Board remains committed to strengthening regulatory compliance across the country. This coordinated effort seeks to eliminate unauthorized practice and ensure that veterinary services are delivered in line with the law, ultimately safeguarding public health and guaranteeing Kenyans access to safe food of animal origin.

Did you know?

Cruelly overloading animals in transit or carrying animals in confinement in a manner or position as to maim or cause unnecessary suffering is a crime under Section 3 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals act Cap 360 and Section 338 of the Penal code Cap 63 of the Laws of Kenya which may attract three years in Prison.



WORLD RABIES DAY 2025



As the world commemorates World Rabies Day 2025, the Kenya Veterinary Board (KVB) joins the global community in reflecting on the devastating impact of rabies, a fatal but preventable disease mainly transmitted through bites from infected dogs and cats. This year's theme, "Act now: you, me, communities," calls for shared responsibility and collective action to eliminate human deaths from canine-mediated rabies by 2030. KVB emphasizes the importance of coordinated efforts between professionals, communities, and stakeholders in strengthening prevention and control measures.

The Board commends veterinary practitioners across the country for their continued dedication in protecting communities through vaccination campaigns, surveillance, and timely interventions. Their efforts remain central to safeguarding both animal and public health in the fight against rabies.

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