

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.



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INTER-AGENCY COLLABORATION FOR BETTER VETERINARY SERVICES

The Kenya Veterinary Board (KVB) hosted a joint meeting with the Veterinary Medicines Directorate (VMD) at the KVB Headquarters, bringing together inspectors, veterinary officers, and animal health professionals from both institutions. The meeting was led by the Chief Executive Officers of KVB and VMD and aimed at strengthening collaboration in the regulation of veterinary practice and the control of veterinary medicines.

The engagement provided an opportunity for the two agencies to discuss ways of enhancing coordination in inspections, compliance monitoring, information sharing, and enforcement of regulatory requirements. Participants also exchanged experiences and explored practical approaches to addressing emerging challenges within the veterinary sector.

Discussions emphasized the importance of a coordinated regulatory framework to ensure professional standards are upheld, veterinary medicines are properly managed, and animal health services are delivered effectively across the country. By leveraging their complementary mandates, KVB and VMD reaffirmed their commitment to working together to improve efficiency, strengthen oversight, and promote compliance among veterinary professionals and businesses.

The meeting underscored the value of inter-agency collaboration in safeguarding animal health, protecting public health, and supporting a vibrant livestock sector. Through continued partnership and engagement, both institutions remain committed to advancing quality veterinary services and strengthening confidence in Kenya's veterinary regulatory system.



KVB ENGAGES FARMERS AND VETERINARY PRACTITIONERS AT KONOIN FARMERS FIELD DAY



The Kenya Veterinary Board (KVB) participated in the Farmers Field Day held at Konoin Technical Training Institute in Bomet County. The event was organized by the Kenya Dairy Board in collaboration with the Office of the Member of Parliament for Konoin Constituency, Hon. Brighton Yegon, and brought together farmers, livestock stakeholders, and agricultural professionals from across the region.

Through its exhibition stand, KVB engaged farmers and veterinary practitioners on its mandate, the importance of adhering to veterinary standards, and the need to seek services from qualified and licensed veterinary professionals. The Board also provided information on regulatory requirements aimed at promoting quality animal healthcare and safeguarding public health.

Participants were sensitized on KVB's ongoing digital transformation initiatives, which have streamlined key services including registration, retention, licensing, and internship applications. The digitization of these services is intended to enhance accessibility, improve efficiency, and support compliance among veterinary professionals.

The event provided an important platform for KVB to interact directly with stakeholders, address concerns, and promote awareness of its role in regulating veterinary practice in Kenya. The Board remains committed to engaging farmers and practitioners across the country to strengthen animal health, productivity, and food safety.



KVB CONDUCTS COMPLIANCE ASSESSMENTS IN KEY VETERINARY AND LIVESTOCK INSTITUTIONS

The Kenya Veterinary Board (KVB) recently carried out a series of compliance assessments across several government and research institutions as part of its mandate to ensure that veterinary practices and practitioners comply with the provisions of the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Paraprofessionals (VSVP) Act, 2011.

Over a three-day period, the Board inspected veterinary operations at the Kenya Veterinary Vaccines Production Institute (KEVEVAPI), Kenya Dairy Board, Kenya Animal Genetic Resources Centre (KAGRC), Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS), Animal Health Training Institute (Kabete), Kenya Tsetse and Trypanosomiasis Eradication Council (KENTTEC), Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO), and the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI).



The assessments focused on evaluating compliance with professional and regulatory requirements governing veterinary practice in both public and private institutions. The exercise forms part of KVB's ongoing efforts to uphold professional standards, enhance accountability, and safeguard animal and public health.

The Board noted a significant improvement in compliance levels across the institutions visited. This positive trend was largely attributed to the digitization of KVB services,

which has streamlined processes such as registration, licensing, retention, and compliance monitoring.

The digital platform has enhanced accessibility, improved efficiency, and enabled institutions and professionals to meet regulatory requirements more effectively.

KVB remains committed to strengthening compliance and promoting excellence in veterinary service delivery across the country.

KVB HOSTS WOAH DELEGATION TO STRENGTHEN VETERINARY WORKFORCE CAPACITY



The Chief Executive Officer of the Kenya Veterinary Board (KVB), Dr. Mary T. Agutu, today hosted a delegation from the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) at the KVB Headquarters. The delegation was led by Director General Dr. Emmanuelle Soubeyran and included Deputy Director General Baba Soumaré and Regional Coordinator Dr. Neo Mapitse.

The meeting focused on strengthening collaboration between KVB and WOAH, with discussions centered on enhancing the capacity of Kenya's veterinary workforce. The engagement explored opportunities for partnership in advancing professional standards, veterinary education, and workforce development to support effective animal health service delivery.



KVB CONDUCTS COMPLIANCE SURVEILLANCE IN NAIROBI, KAJIADO, AND MACHAKOS COUNTIES



The Kenya Veterinary Board (KVB) recently conducted compliance surveillance exercises in Nairobi, Kajiado, and Machakos counties to assess adherence to the provisions of the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Paraprofessionals (VSVP) Act, 2011. The exercise forms part of the Board's ongoing efforts to ensure that only qualified and duly licensed professionals are engaged in veterinary practice across the country. The surveillance was led by the Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Mary T. Agutu, accompanied by the Director of Compliance, Dr. Benson Kibore. During engagements

with county leadership, the Board emphasized the importance of ensuring that all veterinary personnel and practitioners operating within county jurisdictions comply with the legal and professional requirements set out under the Act.

Dr. Agutu urged County Chief Officers and County Directors of Veterinary Services (CDVSs) to strengthen compliance oversight and support efforts aimed at upholding professional standards within the veterinary sector.

The Board received positive feedback from county officials, who commended the digitization of KVB services, noting that online access to registration, licensing, retention, and other regulatory services has significantly improved efficiency and accessibility.

Market surveillance conducted in Kajiado Town revealed encouraging levels of compliance among veterinary practices and agrovet outlets, with practitioners prominently displaying their 2026 retention certificates and practice licences.

The exercise underscored the Board's commitment to strengthening regulatory compliance and promoting quality veterinary service delivery in Kenya.

NEW KVB BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONFIRMED

Pursuant to Section 4(1) of the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Paraprofessionals (VSVP) Act, 2011, the Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock Development, through Gazette Notice No. 3406, appointed a new Board of Directors for the Kenya Veterinary Board (KVB) for a three-year term effective March 13, 2026.

The Board welcomes the newly appointed Directors and looks forward to their leadership and guidance in advancing its mandate of regulating veterinary practice and upholding professional standards in the sector.

We extend our warmest congratulations and best wishes to the new Directors as they steer the institution in its continued commitment to Upholding Veterinary Standards.


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NOTICE OF KVB INSPECTIONS

Kenya Veterinary Board will conduct a veterinary practice assessment starting 30th March 2026 in the counties listed below.


Kajiado


Machakos


Kitui


Makueni

All veterinary practitioners & premises carrying out any veterinary practice are required to have:

-  **Valid 2026 Retention Card**
-  **Valid 2026 Practice Licence**
-  **Up-to-date records of their practice including a prescription file.**

All payments are done through eCitizen in the Practitioner Management System.
Timely compliance is required to avoid any inconveniences

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KVB APPEARS BEFORE PARLIAMENTARY INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

The Kenya Veterinary Board (KVB), led by Chief Executive Officer Dr. Mary T. Agutu and a team of Directors, appeared before the Parliamentary Investment Committee (PIC) to present progress made in addressing audit queries raised by the Auditor General between 2022 and 2025. The session, chaired by Navakholo MP Hon. Emmanuel Wangwe, provided an opportunity for the Board to demonstrate measures taken to



strengthen accountability, governance, and financial management. The Committee commended KVB for the significant progress achieved in resolving the audit issues and acknowledged the Board's commitment to continuous improvement.

The Committee further encouraged the Board to expand the reach of its services across the country to enhance compliance with veterinary laws and regulations. The engagement underscored KVB's dedication to transparency, good governance, and effective service delivery in fulfilling its regulatory mandate.

STRENGTHENING REGIONAL VETERINARY REGULATION THROUGH CROSS-BORDER COLLABORATION

The Kenya Veterinary Board (KVB) recently hosted a nine-member delegation from the Uganda Veterinary Council (UVC) for a week-long benchmarking visit aimed at strengthening collaboration between veterinary regulatory bodies in the East African region. The visit provided a valuable platform for knowledge exchange and discussions on best practices in veterinary regulation, professional standards, and compliance enforcement.



During the engagement, the two institutions explored key areas of mutual interest, including registration and licensing of professionals, regulatory compliance, ethical conduct, cross-border management of veterinary practices, and the competencies required of veterinary surgeons and veterinary paraprofessionals.



to meet international standards. The discussions highlighted the important role of Veterinary Statutory Bodies in ensuring a competent workforce capable of supporting animal health, public health, and food safety.

As part of the visit, the UVC delegation and KVB officials paid a courtesy call to the Principal Secretary, State Department for Livestock Development, at Kilimo House. Represented by Dr. Joshua Chepchieng, the Principal Secretary welcomed the two regulatory bodies and commended their efforts in promoting professionalism and compliance within the veterinary sector.

Dr. Chepchieng encouraged both institutions to strengthen collaborative linkages and partnerships that will enhance regulatory effectiveness and contribute to the safety of food of animal origin across the East African region. He noted that regional cooperation is essential in addressing emerging challenges in animal health and facilitating harmonized veterinary standards.

The benchmarking visit reaffirmed the commitment of both KVB and UVC to fostering regional cooperation, sharing best practices, and advancing veterinary professional standards for the benefit of the livestock sector and the wider public.

Did You Know?

To maintain your retention status and remain on the register for the upcoming year, you must fulfill your annual requirements by 31st December:

- **CPD Points:** Minimum of 14 Points for Para-Professionals and 20 Points for Surgeons.
- **Retention:** Annual fee Paid in full before the deadline.

Don't wait until the last minute—check your CPD tally and complete your renewal today!

AGRICULTURE CS HON. MUTAHI KAGWE LAUNCHES VETERINARY INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME, INDUCTS OVER 1,300 INTERNS

Kenya's livestock sector received a major boost following the launch of the Veterinary Internship Programme by the Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock Development, Hon. Sen. Mutahi Kagwe. The event also marked the induction of over 1,300 veterinary interns and the inauguration of a new Kenya Veterinary Board chaired by Dr. John Wilberforce Muchibi. The occasion highlighted the critical role of veterinary



professionals in supporting animal health, public health, food security, and economic growth. Addressing stakeholders, Hon. Kagwe outlined a vision for a modern livestock sector driven by technology, professionalism, and compliance with international standards. He emphasized the importance of mandatory animal traceability through the Animal Traceability System (ANITRAC), noting that credibility and compliance will increasingly determine Kenya's competitiveness in global markets.



The newly inaugurated Board Chair, Dr. Muchibi, reaffirmed the Kenya Veterinary Board's commitment to strengthening regulation, promoting professionalism, and embracing innovation to support the evolving needs of the livestock sector. He noted that the Board remains central to safeguarding animal health and ensuring the delivery of quality veterinary services across the country.

The event also celebrated the growing contribution of young



professionals to the sector. Principal Secretary for Livestock Development, Jonathan Mueke, underscored the importance of investing in youth, describing them as key drivers of innovation and long-term transformation.

Now in its 10th cohort, the Veterinary Internship Programme has trained more than 7,500 graduates, playing a significant role in strengthening veterinary service delivery throughout the livestock value chain. Director of Veterinary Services Dr. Allan Azegele called for greater adoption of the One Health approach to address emerging challenges such as zoonotic diseases, climate-related risks, and food safety concerns.

With ongoing digitization through platforms such as KADIC and systems like ANITRAC, Kenya continues to position its livestock sector as modern, youth-driven, and globally competitive. The induction of over 1,300 interns marks another important step in building the skilled workforce needed to drive the sector's transformation and future growth.

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