



Kenya Veterinary Board



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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.

SIGNING OF THE 2025/2026 PERFORMANCE CONTRACT

The Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock Development, Hon. Sen. Mutahi Kagwe, today presided over the signing of the 2025/2026 Performance Contract between the Ministry and the Kenya Veterinary Board (KVB) Board of Directors.

The performance contract outlines measurable and time-bound targets aimed at enhancing service delivery

and strengthening the regulation of veterinary practice in Kenya. Key commitments by the Board include the operationalization of six regional offices and the effective implementation of its regulatory mandate during the contract period.

Speaking during the signing ceremony, the Cabinet Secretary emphasized the importance of delivering on the agreed targets and challenged the Board to ensure full implementation of its contractual obligations.

The event was attended by KVB Chairperson Dr. Wilberforce Muchibi, Director Oreste Kuria, and Chief Executive Officer Dr. Mary T. Agutu.



KVB BOARD AND TOP MANAGEMENT UNDERGO CORPORATE GOVERNANCE INDUCTION

The Kenya Veterinary Board (KVB), in collaboration with the Institute of Certified Secretaries (ICS), is conducting a five-day Corporate Governance Induction Programme for its Board of Directors and top management at PrideInn Flamingo Beach Resort, Mombasa.

The induction follows the recent inauguration of the Board by the Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock Development and is aimed at strengthening leadership, decision-making, internal oversight, and governance practices to enhance service delivery and the effective regulation of veterinary practice in Kenya.



Speaking during the opening session, Board Chairperson Dr. Wilberforce Muchibi welcomed the newly appointed Directors and emphasized the importance of teamwork, collective responsibility, and commitment to upholding high veterinary standards. He noted that the Board has a critical role



to play in advancing the mandate of KVB and meeting the expectations of stakeholders across the sector.

The programme equips participants with governance strategies and best practices necessary for effective stewardship and organizational performance. The Board expressed its appreciation to the Office of the Head of Public Service, led by Mr. Felix Koskei, and the Institute of Certified Secretaries for coordinating and supporting the induction

LXTH KVA ANNUAL CONGRESS- DIANI 2026

The Kenya Veterinary Board (KVB), led by Chairperson Dr. John Muchibi and CEO Dr. Mary T. Agutu, participated in the 60th Kenya Veterinary Association (KVA) Annual Congress held at Diamonds Leisure Beach & Golf Resort in Kwale County from 20th to 24th April 2026. The congress, themed "Veterinarians: Guardians of Food and Health," brought together veterinary professionals and stakeholders to discuss emerging issues in animal health, food safety, and public health.



As part of the Board's commitment to effective regulation and stakeholder engagement, Dr. Agutu also visited the County Director of Veterinary Services (CDVS), Kwale County, to assess compliance with the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Paraprofessionals Act, 2011. The visit underscored the important role played by County Directors of Veterinary Services in upholding professional standards and ensuring the integrity of veterinary practice within counties.

The Board continues to strengthen partnerships with key stakeholders to promote high standards of veterinary service delivery and safeguard animal and public health across the country.

BOARD HANDOVER

The Kenya Veterinary Board (KVB) marked a significant transition with the official handover from the outgoing Board to the newly appointed Board, which will serve until 2029.

The ceremony provided an opportunity to recognize the outgoing members for their dedication, leadership, and contribution to the advancement of the veterinary profession. The incoming Board was welcomed as it assumes the

responsibility of providing strategic direction and oversight for the Board's mandate. KVB wishes the new Board a successful tenure as it continues to promote excellence and professionalism in veterinary practice



INSPECTIONS IN KAJIADO COUNTY



The Kenya Veterinary Board (KVB) conducted inspections of veterinary practices in Kajiado County following the issuance of a compliance notice. The exercise assessed compliance among institutions providing animal health services, including county government facilities, NGOs, cooperatives, CBOs, agrovets, and veterinary medicine distributors. The Board noted an encouraging improvement in compliance levels across the county. Non-compliant establishments were guided on the necessary measures to meet regulatory requirements. KVB appreciates the support of the County Director of Veterinary Services (CDVS) and Sub-County Veterinary Officers (SCVOs) in coordinating the exercise and promoting compliance among practitioners and stakeholders.

COMPLIANCE INSPECTIONS IN KIRINYAGA COUNTY

The Kenya Veterinary Board (KVB) recently carried out compliance inspections in Kirinyaga County as part of its ongoing efforts to enforce veterinary regulatory standards and safeguard animal and public health.

The intelligence-led operation, conducted with support from the County Security Team, the County Executive Committee Member for Livestock Dr. John Mchina, County Director of Veterinary Services Dr. Catherine Mulonzi, and compliant veterinary professionals, targeted unauthorized veterinary practice and the illegal handling of veterinary medicines.

During the exercise, several unlicensed individuals were apprehended for unlawfully handling veterinary medicines. The inspection team also provided guidance and support to veterinary premises that were taking steps toward meeting the required regulatory standards.

KVB continues to intensify inspections and compliance monitoring across the country to ensure that veterinary services are provided only by qualified and licensed professionals, thereby promoting quality animal healthcare and protecting public health.



KVB ATTENDS 3RD REGULATORY AUTHORITIES AND AGENCIES (RAA) CONFERENCE



The Chief Executive Officer of the Kenya Veterinary Board (KVB), Dr. Mary Theresa Agutu, was among the keynote speakers at a national conference held at South Eastern Kenya University (SEKU) in Kitui County. The conference brought together representatives from 127 regulatory authorities and government agencies to

discuss strategies for enhancing service delivery and citizen-centered governance. During her presentation, Dr. Agutu highlighted the transformative initiatives being implemented by KVB to strengthen the regulation of veterinary practice, uphold professional standards, and safeguard both animal and public health. She emphasized that effective veterinary regulation is critical in supporting food safety, disease control, and international trade.

A key message from the conference was that "the highest office is the office of the citizen," underscoring the responsibility of public institutions to place citizens at the center of service delivery. Participants were challenged to maximize client happiness and satisfaction by ensuring services are accessible, efficient, transparent, and responsive to public needs.

The forum provided an opportunity for regulators to share experiences and best practices aimed at improving governance, accountability, and service excellence across the public sector.



KVB CONGRATULATES UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI VETERINARY MEDICINE FINALISTS

The Kenya Veterinary Board (KVB) joined the graduating class of 2026 from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Nairobi, in celebrating the successful completion of their five-year training programme as they prepare to transition into the veterinary internship programme.

Representing the Board, Director of Compliance Dr. Benson Kibore

congratulated the finalists and highlighted KVB's ongoing efforts to strengthen regulation and safeguard professional standards, with the aim of making the veterinary profession more rewarding and impactful.

The event brought together key stakeholders from government, academia, and industry. Speakers acknowledged the critical role veterinary professionals play in protecting animal health, public health, food security, livelihoods, and the national economy. Discussions also highlighted the importance of professionalism, career development,



and improved welfare for veterinary professionals and interns.

The celebration provided an opportunity to recognize the achievements of the graduates and encourage them as they embark on the next phase of their professional journey.





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