
Fall 2018 KBVE Newsletter

Records, Premises, Planning. Three topics for your consideration in the busy day to day life of a practicing veterinarian.

Records Review

Consider this reminder to maintain adequate records a gift when you are faced with a complaint filed by a dissatisfied client. Your records are your best and sometimes your only defense to accusations of improper practice. K.A.R. 70-7-1 describes the Standards of Veterinary Practice. Records requirements begin at heading (h) through (j). Pay particular attention to subsection (h)(3); Manner of maintenance. **“Each veterinarian shall maintain records in a manner that will permit any authorized veterinarian to proceed with the care and treatment of the animal, if required, by reading the medical record of that particular patient.”** A new puppy or kitten record at the time of follow-up booster vaccinations may be quite short when compared to a “sick” animal. If a neighboring veterinarian could not come into a practice and carry on with the necessary treatment of that animal, the records are not in compliance with the Standards of Veterinary Practice. Make sure you document what and/or why you are treating this animal and include the dose and strength of medication administered along with vital signs.

Registered Veterinary Premise

Definition: K.S.A. 47-816(k) “...any premises or facility where the practice of veterinary medicine occurs, including but not limited to, a mobile clinic, outpatient clinic, satellite clinic or veterinary hospital or clinic, but shall not include the premises of a veterinary client, research facility, a federal military base, Kansas state university college of veterinary medicine or any premises wherein the practice of veterinary medicine occurs no more than three times per year as a public service outreach of a registered veterinary premises.” If your practice of veterinary medicine does not meet one of these exclusions, that premise must be registered with the Board. Failure to register a premise and be subject to inspection and auditing of records will result in discipline and fines imposed by KBVE. If you are unsure whether to register a premise call the Board office or the premise inspector.

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Are You Prepared?

KBVE has been called to a number of solo practices in the last year due to the untimely passing of the veterinary owner. Most of these practices were not prepared for an orderly transfer of the responsibilities associated with owning and managing a veterinary practice. Controlled substances inventory are a huge issue when a practice is closed suddenly or the DEA registrant is no longer able to work. Agency staff have worked with local law enforcement in multiple cases to assure proper handling of these controlled substances. Be proactive and make a plan for the worse and hopefully it will never be put to use. Your professional association, <https://ksvma.org/>, will be able to assist with this process.

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