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1 GENERAL GOVERNMENT CABINET

2 Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners

3 ~~(New Administrative Regulation)~~ – **DISCUSSION DRAFT ONLY** –

4 201 KAR 16:705 Minimum Standards for Veterinary Facilities; General Requirements.

5 RELATES TO: KRS ...

6 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS ...

7 NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 321.175 states the purpose of the
8 Kentucky Veterinary Medicine Practice Act is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the
9 animal population and the citizens of Kentucky. KRS 321... requires the Kentucky Board of
10 Veterinary Examiners to promulgate administrative regulations as it may deem necessary and
11 proper to effectively carry out and enforce the provisions of KRS Chapter 321, This
12 administrative regulation establishes minimum standards for veterinary facilities.

13 Section 1. A registered responsible party and the veterinarian manager shall ensure compliance
14 with this administrative regulation.

15 Section 2. General standards for Veterinary Facilities.

16 (1) The delivery of veterinary care shall be provided in a competent and humane manner.

17 (2) Veterinary medicine shall be practiced in a manner compatible with current veterinary
18 medical practice.

19 (3) The board shall require periodic inspections of all veterinary facilities in accordance with 201
20 KAR 16:805 to monitor compliance with these standards.

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1 (4) The required standards shall depend upon the nature, scope, and limitations of the practice as
2 defined by the veterinarian manager on the veterinary facility registration and approved by the
3 board. However, in no case shall standards of cleanliness, hygiene, and sanitation be violated.

4 (5) Inspections shall be conducted by the board inspector or board representative as designated
5 by the board.

6 (6) Facilities are subject to inspection at any time during the facility's normal hours of business.

7 (7) A board inspection may not cause the registered veterinary facility to close or cancel
8 appointments during the inspection.

9 Section 3. General Requirements for Veterinary Facilities, Excluding Mobile Units. A veterinary
10 facility shall:

11 (1) Maintain a physical location that conforms to state and local building and fire codes and local
12 zoning requirements;

13 (2) Display the veterinary facility's registration visible to the public from the outside of its
14 physical location. The identification shall include the hours of operation and shall be placed so
15 that it is unobstructed from public view. If the hours of operation include hours after dusk, a
16 means of illuminating the sign shall be provided and used during the hours of operation after
17 dusk;

18 (3) Have floors, tables, countertops, sinks, and fixtures within the registered veterinary facility
19 are made of nonporous materials that can be sanitized;

20 (4) Running water and a means of achieving cold and hot water temperatures;

21 (5) Refrigerated storage space, large enough to contain all deceased animals except livestock, or
22 pickup within 24 hours, is provided in the registered veterinary facility, pending necropsy and

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- 1 disposal pick-up or, in the case of a mobile unit, if requested by the client, arrangements are
2 made for disposal of the body, except livestock;
- 3 (6) If animals, other than livestock, shall be housed in a registered veterinary facility, an
4 individual compartment, equipped with a latch, for each animal housed in the facility shall be
5 provided;
- 6 (7) Appropriate storage container with proper labeling is provided in the registered veterinary
7 facility for biohazardous medical waste and sharps pending disposal or pick-up;
- 8 (8) A working scale is provided in the registered veterinary facility for use with animals other
9 than livestock;
- 10 (9) Adequate illumination is provided for the services being provided;
- 11 (10) Storage for all supplies, including food and bedding. The supply storage shall be in areas
12 that adequately protect such supplies against infestation, contamination, or deterioration.
13 Refrigeration shall be provided for all supplies that are of a perishable nature, including foods,
14 drugs, and biologicals;
- 15 (11) A clean and orderly receiving area;
- 16 (12) Training for all staff of the veterinary facility who are responsible for animal care in the
17 basic care of animals;
- 18 (13) Written standard operating procedures are developed for the staff of the veterinary facility to
19 use to assess any animal patient upon arrival, to ensure that a veterinarian is contacted
20 concerning those animals with certain identifiable symptoms warranting immediate veterinary
21 intervention, ensuring those animals receive the appropriate and timely treatment;
- 22 (14) Written standard operating procedures are developed for proper patient identification, chain
23 of custody, and care of patients; and

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1 (15) A telephone answering machine or answering service available after business hours.

2 Section 4. When patient is retained for treatment or hospitalization during the hours that the
3 veterinary facility is not regularly open to the public, the client or client's representative shall be
4 provided:

5 (a) Notice, in writing, the hours that the animal will be left unattended and without competent
6 veterinary care; and

7 (b) An opportunity for the client to transfer the patient home or to another veterinary facility for
8 appropriate care and monitoring; or

9 (c) A disclosure to be signed by the client detailing that the client is aware that the patient shall
10 not be monitored or provided competent veterinary care during the hours that the veterinary
11 facility is not regularly open to the public.

12 Section 5. General Requirements for Veterinary Facilities, Including Mobile Units. A veterinary
13 facility shall:

14 (1) Equipment and supplies are available in the registered veterinary facility of an adequate
15 number and type to provide the veterinary medical services that are offered at the veterinary
16 facility.

17 (2) Maintenance of the veterinary facility in a good state of repair, including:

18 (a) All exits, corridors, and passageways inside and outside the veterinary facility are
19 unobstructed at all times;

20 (b) Combustible material such as paper, boxes, and rags are not allowed to accumulate inside or
21 outside the veterinary facility;

22 (c) Temperatures are maintained between 60°F and 80°F in each room where an animal, other
23 than livestock or exotics, is treated or housed;

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1 (d) Floors, countertops, tables, sinks, and any other equipment or fixtures used in a veterinary
2 facility are maintained in a clean condition and sanitized after contact with an animal or animal
3 tissue; and

4 (e) Animal compartments are cleaned and sanitized at least once every 24 hours when an animal,
5 other than livestock, is being housed and after each animal vacates the compartment.

6 (5) A written emergency evacuation plan exists and that all staff have been educated on that plan.

7 (6) Appropriate storage is provided for medical records to ensure the records remain intact and
8 legible. For digital records, a digital backup copy shall be maintained.

9 Section 6. General requirements for surgical equipment. Ensure that the following is provided on
10 the premises:

11 (1) Caps, masks, and sterile gloves and gowns;

12 (2) Sterile surgical packs, including:

13 (a) Drapes;

14 (b) Sponges; and

15 (c) Surgical instruments necessary to perform a surgical procedure;

16 (2) An oxygen tank or oxygen concentrator device that contains or is capable of producing
17 oxygen sufficient for each animal to whom general anesthesia is administered;

18 (3) A means of administering anesthesia and anesthetic equipment for each animal that will
19 receive general anesthesia or sedation that requires resuscitation in accordance with the level of
20 surgery performed. For small animal surgery, this means a functional inhalant anesthesia
21 machine with oxygen;

22 (4) A fixed or portable surgical light to illuminate the surgical site;

23 (5) A light for use if the surgical light will not operate;

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- 1 (6) Access to resources that provide readily accessible reference materials; and
- 2 (7) All appropriate equipment shall be sterilized, and surgical packs shall be properly prepared
- 3 for sterilization by heat or gas which is sufficient to kill bacterial spores for each sterile surgical
- 4 procedure.

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