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2 GENERAL GOVERNMENT CABINET

3 Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners

4 (New Administrative Regulation)

5 201 KAR 16:715 **Minimum** Standards for 24-Hour Veterinary Facilities.

6 RELATES TO: KRS 321.203, 321.205, 321.235, 321.236

7 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 321.235(1)(a), (b), (2)(b)3.c.

8 NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 321.175(4) states the purpose
9 of the Kentucky Veterinary Medicine Practice Act is to promote, preserve, and protect the public
10 health, safety, and welfare by and through, in part, the regulation of veterinary facilities and
11 mobile facilities where and from which the practice of veterinary medicine occurs. KRS
12 321.235(1)(a) requires the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners to promulgate
13 administrative regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A to effectively carry out and
14 enforce the provisions of the chapter. This administrative regulation establishes minimum
15 standards for 24-Hour veterinary facilities.

16 Section 1. Registered responsible parties and veterinarian managers shall ensure
17 compliance with this administrative regulation.

18 Section 2. Requirements for 24-Hour Facilities. A 24-hour veterinary facility shall
19 comply with the standards established in 201 KAR 16:705, Sections 1 through **6** and with the
20 requirements of this administrative regulation.

21 Section 3. General standards for 24-Hour Emergency Facilities.

1 (1) A veterinary facility that advertises or otherwise represents to the public that it is a
2 24-hour emergency facility shall state in its advertising in a clear and conspicuous manner:

3 (a) The hours that the facility provides emergency service;

4 (b) The address and telephone number of the facility; and

5 (c) That a licensed veterinarian is on the premises or on call at the veterinary facility
6 during the hours that the facility provides emergency service; and

7 (2) If continuation of care for a patient is required following the provision of emergency
8 service, and the patient shall not remain at the emergency facility, a 24-hour emergency facility
9 shall provide the client with a legible copy of the medical records of the patient or shall send a
10 copy of such records directly to the veterinarian who will provide the continuing care.

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