

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Board of Veterinary Examiners

(Amended at ARRS Committee)

201 KAR 16:514. Fees for animal control agencies and animal euthanasia specialists.

RELATES TO: KRS 321.200(1)(p), 321.207, 321.208, 321.235

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 321.207, 321.208, 321.235(1)(c), 321.320

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 321.207(1) requires the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners to permit qualified animal control agencies in the Commonwealth of Kentucky to apply for a registration certificate from the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to purchase, manage, and utilize the specific drugs approved by the board for the purpose of euthanizing animals. KRS 321.207(4) requires the board to issue certificates to those persons who are deemed to be qualified to work as animal euthanasia specialists. KRS 321.235(1)(c) requires the board to promulgate administrative regulations as it may deem necessary and proper to effectively carry out and enforce the provisions of KRS Chapter 321, including to establish authorized fees. This administrative regulation establishes fees for animal control agencies and animal euthanasia specialists.

Section 1. Payment and Submission of Fees.

(1) Fees to the board shall be paid by check or money order, or, if available, online payment by debit or credit card. Checks and money orders shall be made payable to the Kentucky State Treasurer.

(2) All fees shall be nonrefundable.

Section 2. Application Fees.

(1) The application fee for issuance of a board certificate authorizing an animal control agency to apply for a restricted controlled substance registration with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) shall be \$300. The fee shall be attached to the completed Application for Certification as an Animal Control Agency form as found in 201 KAR 16:550 or online equivalent form, including all required attachments. The animal control agency shall undergo inspection by an authorized representative of the board in accordance with 201 KAR 16:550, Section 1(3) prior to the issuance of a certificate.

(2) The application fee for a certified animal euthanasia specialist shall be fifty (50) dollars. The fee shall be attached to the completed Application for Certification as an Animal Euthanasia Specialist form as found in 201 KAR 16:560 or online equivalent form, including all required attachments.

Section 3. Renewal Fees for Animal Control Agencies.

(1) The renewal deadline shall be March 1 of each year. The renewal period shall be the time period beginning the day after the renewal deadline to the next renewal deadline.

(2) Except as established in subsection (4) of this section, a certified animal control agency shall annually pay to the board a renewal fee as established in paragraphs (a) through (c) of this subsection for the renewal of the certificate.

(a) Until June 29, 2026, the renewal fee shall be ninety (90) dollars.

(b) Between June 30, 2026, and June 30, 2028, the renewal fee shall be \$115.

(c) After June 30, 2028, the renewal fee shall be \$150.

(3) The animal control agency shall submit the complete Renewal Application for Animal Control Agencies form as found in 201 KAR 16:572 or online equivalent form, including all required attachments, and fee payment to the board.

(4) The renewal fee for the first renewal shall be waived for a certificate issued 120 days prior to the end of the renewal period.

(5) Utilization of Renewal Grace Period.

(a) A sixty (60) day grace period shall be allowed after March 1, during which time the animal control agency may continue to function as though certified until a late renewal application is submitted to the board.

(b) The late fee for renewal shall be seventy-five (75) dollars in addition to the renewal fee established in subsection(2) of this section. The late fee for renewal, if applicable, shall not be reduced or waived without board authorization.

(c) The animal control agency shall submit the complete Renewal Application for Animal Control Agencies form as found in 201 KAR 16:572 or online equivalent form, including all required attachments, and fee payment, to the board between March 2 and April 30 of the grace period.

(6) An animal control agency restricted controlled substance registration certificate shall expire if a renewal package, and late fee if applicable, is not submitted to the board annually by April 30.

(7) If not more than five (5) years have elapsed since the last date of certificate expiration, an animal control agency that has an expired restricted controlled substance registration certificate may be reinstated upon the submission of a completed Reinstatement Application for Animal Control Agencies form as found in 201 KAR 16:550 or online equivalent form, including all attachments, and the payment of a reinstatement fee of \$300. The animal control agency shall undergo inspection by an authorized representative of the board in accordance with 201 KAR 16:550, Section 5 prior to the reinstatement of a certificate. An animal control agency shall not apply for a new certificate during this five (5) year window; a reinstatement application shall be required.

(8) If more than five (5) years have elapsed since the last date of certificate expiration, an animal control agency shall reapply to obtain a board certificate authorizing restricted controlled substance registration with the DEA.

Section 4. Renewal Fees for Animal Euthanasia Specialists.

(1) The renewal deadline shall be March 1 of each year. The renewal period shall be the time period beginning the day after the renewal deadline to the next renewal deadline.

(a) Except as established in paragraph (b) of this subsection, a certified animal euthanasia specialist shall annually, on or before March 1, pay to the board a renewal fee of fifty (50) dollars for the renewal of the certificate. The animal euthanasia specialist shall submit the complete Renewal Application for Animal Euthanasia Specialists form as found in 201 KAR 16:572 or online equivalent form, including all required attachments, and fee payment to the board.

(b) The renewal fee for the first renewal shall be waived for a certificate issued 120 days prior to the end of the renewal period.

(2) A sixty (60) day grace period shall be allowed after March 1, during which time the certified animal euthanasia specialist may continue to function as though certified until a late renewal application is submitted to the board. The late fee for renewal shall be fifty (50) dollars in addition to the renewal fee established in subsection (1) of this section. The animal euthanasia specialist shall submit the complete Renewal Application for Animal Euthanasia Specialists form as found in 201 KAR 16:572 or online equivalent form, including all required attachments and fee payments, to the board between March 2 and April 30 of the renewal period. The late fee for renewal, if applicable, shall not be reduced without board authorization.

(3) An animal euthanasia specialist certificate shall expire if a renewal package, and late fee if applicable, is not submitted to the board annually by April 30.

(4) If not more than five (5) years have elapsed since the last date of certificate expiration, an animal euthanasia certificate that has expired may be reinstated upon the submission of a completed Reinstatement Application for Animal Euthanasia Specialists form as found in 201 KAR 16:560 or online equivalent form, including all attachments, and the payment of a reinstatement fee of seventy-five (75) dollars. An animal euthanasia specialist shall not apply for a new certificate during this five (5) year window; a reinstatement application shall be required.

(5) If more than five (5) years have elapsed since the last date of certificate expiration, an individual shall reapply to obtain a certificate as an animal euthanasia specialist in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Section 5. Inactive Status for Animal Euthanasia Specialists.

(1)

(a) A certified animal euthanasia specialist may request to be moved to inactive status, or be moved to inactive licensure status by the board in accordance with 201 KAR 16:580. There shall not be a fee.

(b) There shall not be a renewal fee for a certified animal euthanasia specialist with inactive licensure status.

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(a) A certified animal euthanasia specialist shall reinstate their certificate to active status in accordance with 201 KAR 16:580.

(b) There shall be a reinstatement fee of fifty (50) dollars only if the certificate was placed in inactive status as a result of:

1. The certificate holder's request; or

2. By severing employment with the affiliated animal control agency on record with the board.

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