

Stakeholder Listening Session

11 May 2023



Board Members

- Jerry Rodenbarger, DVM; Board Chair
- Paul Clemente, DVM; Vice Chair
- John Schnarr, DVM
- Steven Sunbury, DVM
- Ashli Selke, RVT
- Natalie Goodwin; Consumer Member
- Vacancy

Governor **Indiana Center for Animal Policy** Board of Board of Animal Health (BOAH) Veterinary Medicine (BVM) 11 members 7 members State Veterinarian (serves as chief administrative officer to both boards) Agency Personnel • Public Information Officer (PIO)/ communication/ outreach Legal counsel Veterinary expertise Support staff

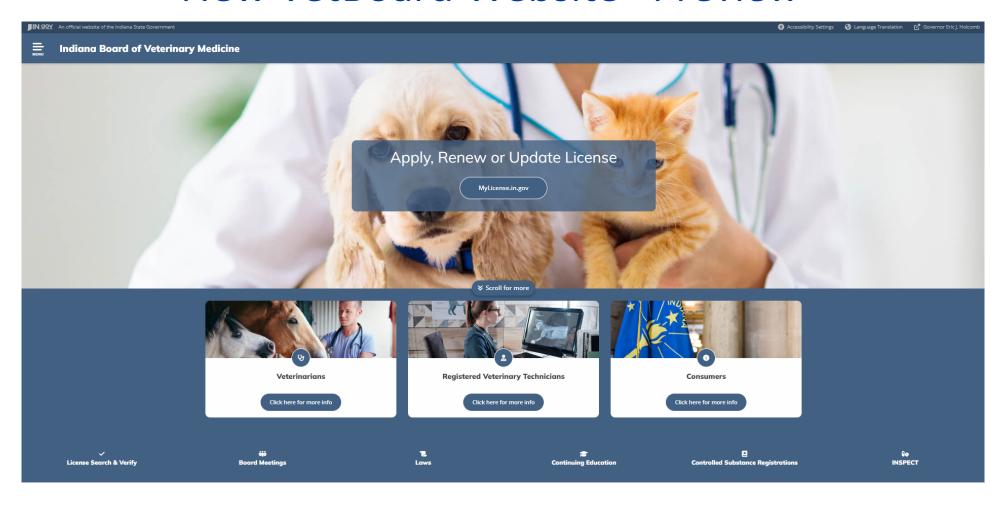
Continuity

- MyLicense.IN.gov interface
 - Remains the same
- Consumer complaints
 - Remains with the Indiana Office of Attorney General
- Controlled Substance Registrations
 - Remains with PLA

What's New, Beginning July 1

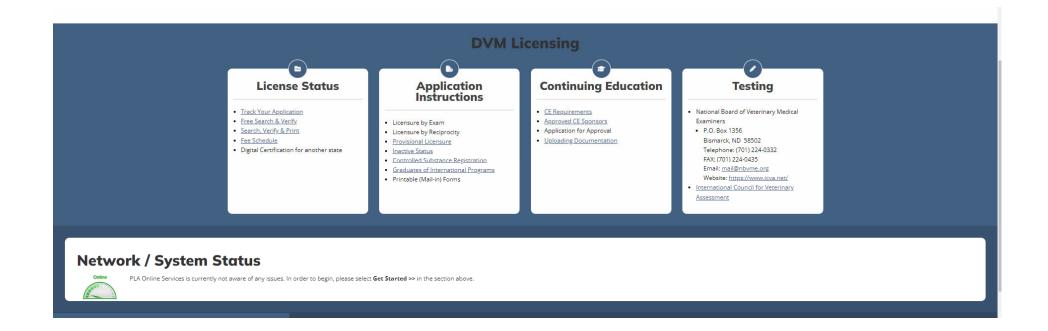
- Address: US Mail & Meetings
 - 1202 E. 38th Street; Discovery Hall, Ste. 100; Indianapolis 46205
 - Indiana State Fairgrounds campus
- Phone Number
 - 317-544-2409
- Email
 - VetBoard@VetBoard.in.gov
- Website
 - Coming soon!

New VetBoard Website *Preview*

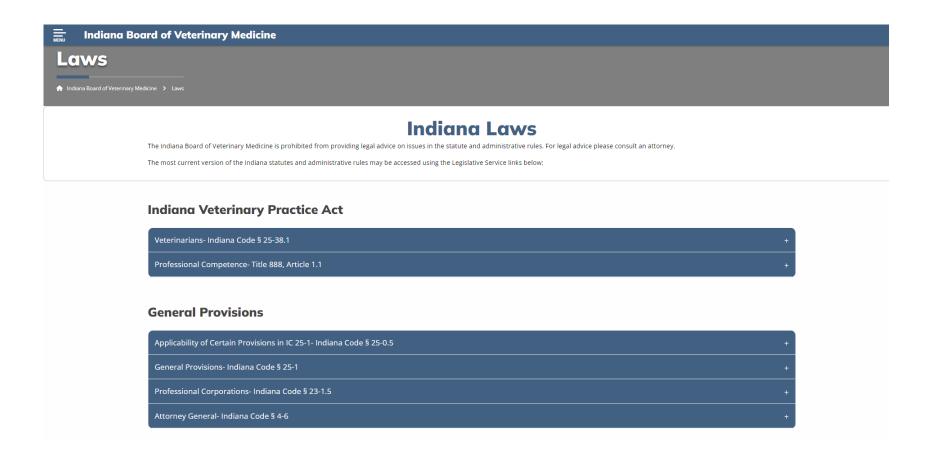


New VetBoard Website *Preview*

Essential Functions & Resources



New VetBoard Website *Preview*



What's New

Laura Turner, JD *Board Director*





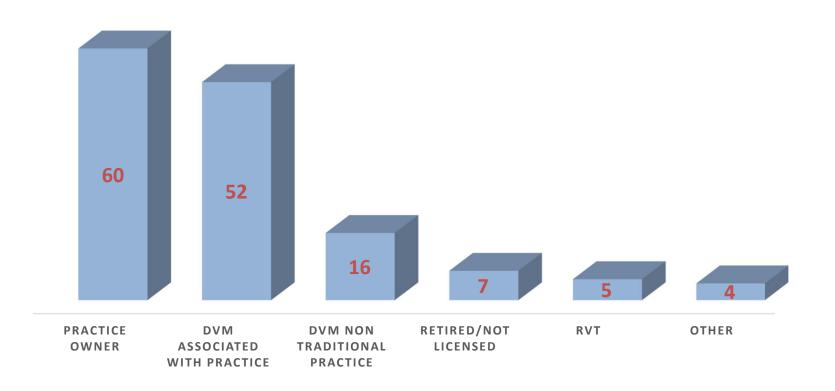
Stakeholder Survey Results

March 2023

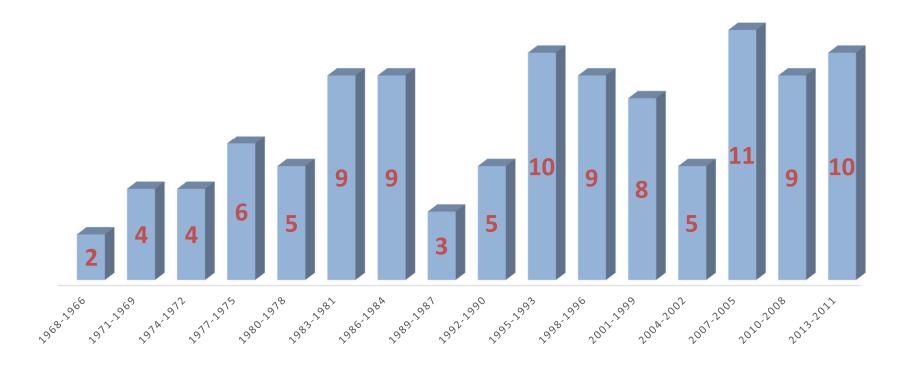
Stakeholder Survey

- Nine-question survey for feedback and input
- Total of 147 responses
 - Paper surveys at Crossroads Veterinary Conference booth
 - Online option

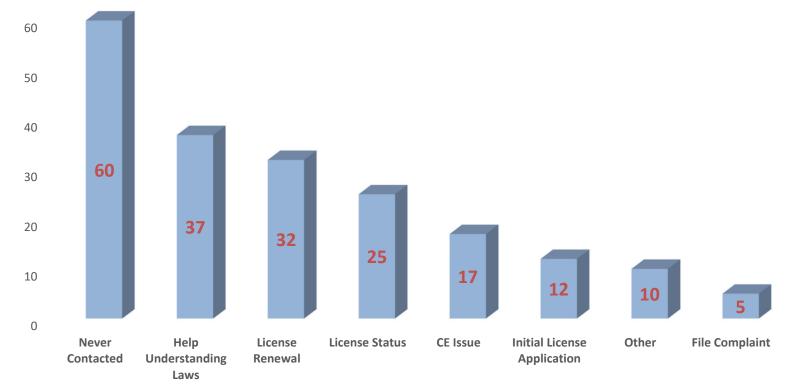
What is Your Professional Role?



Year Graduated from Veterinary College?



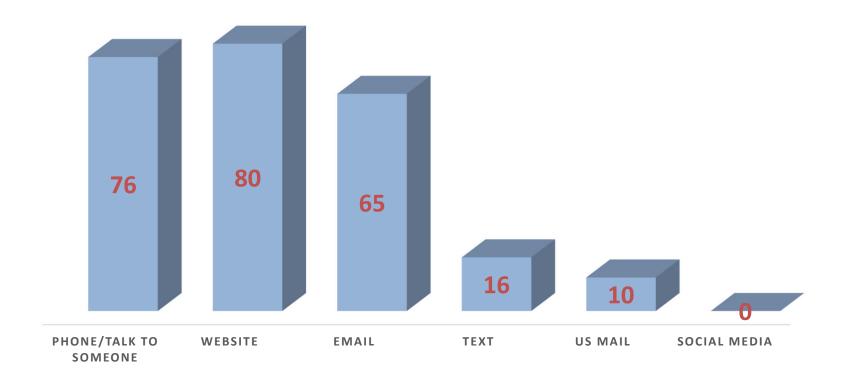
What Is Your Primary Reason for Contacting the VetBoard?



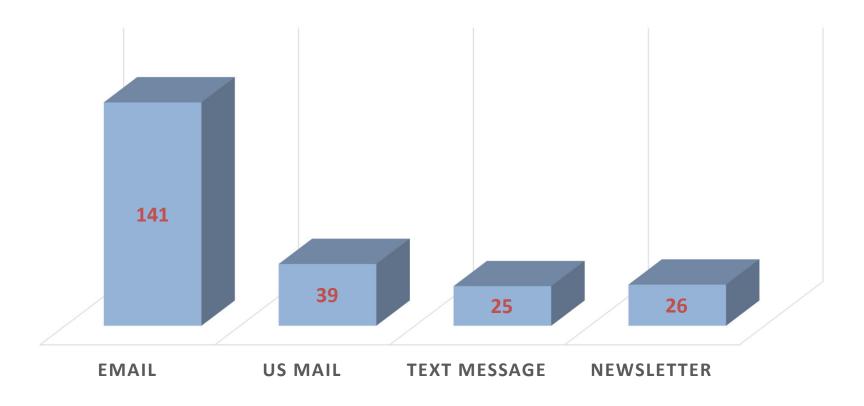
Other Reasons:

- Name change
- License verification for another state
- Reinstatement
- Complaint filed against me
- Transporting animals interstate/ internationally

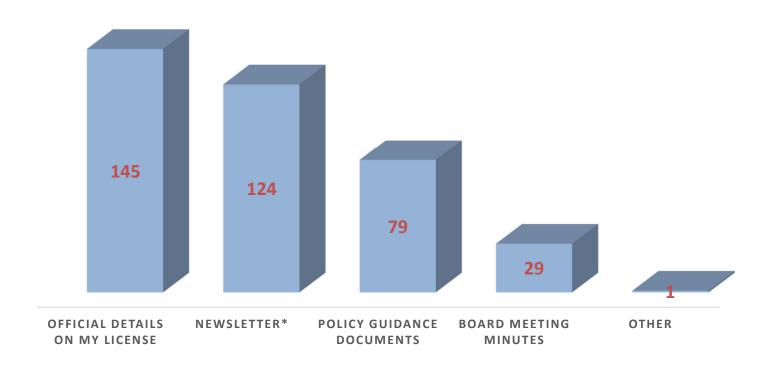
How Do You Seek Information from VetBoard?



How Do You Prefer to Receive Information from the VetBoard?



What Communication Do You Want to Receive from the VetBoard?



Other:

Changes to CE requirements

*Newsletter Content:

- Practice Act
- Law changes
- Proposals
- Board Actions

Rank the Most Important Issues the VetBoard Needs to Address

- 1. Guidance on virtual visits/telehealth
- 2. Reciprocal licensing with other states
- 3. Practice-based VCPR
- 4. Standards for veterinary practice facilities
- 5. Establishment of a state-based loan repayment program
- 6. Temporary or emergency licensing
- 7. Recognition of mid-level practitioner category

"Other" Important Issues Cited

- Clarification of RVT rules and license protection for RVTs
- Lay persons practicing veterinary medicine
- Veterinarian and staff shortage
- Online pharmacies
- Need more large-animal veterinarians, including equine
- Continuing education updates and opportunities
- Cannabis
- Mental health resources available for practitioners
- Reduction of cost of veterinary education/predatory loan practices

Those licensed in another state: What makes that state a model for Indiana's VetBoard?

- 32 responses + 111 "does not apply"
- AK & TX: temporary or emergency licensing
- GA & NC: some of the best; web portal for uploading CE and checking license status/renewal and obtaining verifications are good; Indiana has one of best license verification systems vs. manual
- HI & FL: licensing exam with state-specific practice questions
- I have been very pleased with Indiana vs. the other 7 that I am licensed in. You are way better than Illinois!

Anything you want to tell us about the licensing program in Indiana?

Compliance Issues...

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In Elkhart and La Grange counties there are countless numbers of individuals and Amish individuals that have their own business of treating horses. They are Injecting joints and even performing surgeries! How do we address these individuals since we cannot get paper evidence. Also how do we address the veterinarians that are supplying medications to these individuals.

I would like to see more direction as to how to handle individuals in and out of state that travel here to perform functions that should be only done by a veterinarian. Easy ways to report and get follow-up with the offending parties for things such as equine dental work, surgery, etc.

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There should be broader reciprocation of licenses - particularly for minor species practitioners that travel around the country to help with underserved areas (poultry, etc)

We must have VCPR regulations that are clear in all dispensing situations, is a much bigger problem than you realize

Continuing Education...

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Can you review allowing LIVE online webinars to count as in person CE? With the technical advances in the last few years, why does someone have to be physically in a room for CE to count? I also don't understand the requirement for in person v online CE? Seems more important to make sure certain TOPICS are covered (similar to other professional licenses) than in person v online.

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I would love to have access to better opioid education. The one that comes from IVMA is lacking. Would love to have better accreditation education. I am starting to think the "live" CE requirements are outdated. I would rather that my info coming from BOAH was tracked to small animal vs large animal practitioner, but that's a minor point.

Customer Service...

Indiana has a good licensing program

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Time from passing boards (VTNE) to actually receiving license can be excessive in some cases (4+ months) with lack of communication as to why

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Thus far it is has been difficult to connect with someone on the telephone when there is a problem

Introduction in the state of th

Getting the initial license, CSR, and DEA take way too long. We have had incoming interns/ residents have to practice without a license for months because it took too long

It is fairly easy to renew online. I love that I get reminders.

Getting proof of licensure that was acceptable for VA was frustrating at best. Indiana would only "sell" me the proof directly (to my email address only), VA would only accept proof sent directly to them (not through me) and would not accept the PLA website as proof of licensure.

High Hopes...

I am excited to see how the new board helps us recruit more veterinarians to Indiana

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I would like more information about controlled substances and guidance for veterinarians.

Would like communications about my specific license by text, and update type of stuff by email.

Hope this speeds up licensing for our incoming residents and interns! We have high hopes.

We need help getting and keeping doctors in Indiana!

Next Steps

- License Renewals!
 - Veterinarians: Oct. 15
 - Registered Veterinary Technicians: Jan. 1
- Board Meeting: July 26 @ New Office
- VetBoard Newsletter

