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BRIEF OF KENYA VETERINARY ASSOCIATION (KVA)

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The Kenya Veterinary Association (KVA) is a professional membership organization of Veterinarians and is duly registered under the Societies Act, Cap 108 of the Laws Kenya. Its mandate is primarily to promote the economic development and welfare of its members as well as to safeguard the health and welfare of animals. The Association also acts as a resource Centre for the veterinary profession, providing leadership, advocating for proper management and high level of professionalism in the delivery of veterinary services so as to move the Animal Resource Industry to greater heights of development. As a veterinary profession, the KVA stands high in the push for knowledge, skills and best practices in the service for mankind.

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Vision

To become an organization of excellence, spearheading and advocating the provision of quality veterinary services to cater for animal welfare and mankind.

Mission

To influence the establishment of a highly motivated veterinary profession offering quality - services in Kenya and beyond.

Goal

Improving the livelihoods of Kenyans

Guiding Values

- a. **Professionalism** – we act with integrity, providing quality service while being reliable and responsible;
- b. **Honesty**– we tell the truth and do what we say we will do;
- c. **Team Work** – we support and respect each other, working together to fulfil our obligations as we make our work environment fun and enjoyable;
- d. **Commitment** – we are dedicated to giving quality services to our members and stakeholders;
- e. **Customer Satisfaction** – we offer timely, responsive and proactive service aimed at delighting and meeting the needs of all our customers;
- f. **Innovativeness and Creativity** – We encourage our members and stakeholders to embrace creativity and new ideas

THE STRATEGIC PLAN 2015 – 2019

The KVA Strategic Plan was formulated around the theme “Transformation of the animal resource industry towards excellent service delivery, improved livelihood and highly motivated veterinary profession” contained clear strategies aimed at enabling the Association to achieve its vision and mission. The Strategic Plan provides direction to achieve goals and objectives effectively and efficiently through clearly focused programmes. The Plan is also a communication tool for information sharing, networking, feedback and fundraising.

STRUCTURE

The Association is governed through an elaborate structure comprising of:

The Annual General Meeting (AGM)	Supreme policy and decision making organ
The Council (KVA Council)	Composed of the national Executive Committee and two representatives from each of the nine branches. Meets quarterly to update and direct implementation of functions of the Association.
National Executive Committee (NEC)	Composed of eight elected members, council chair and three co-opted members. Meets monthly to review, plan, implement and coordinate activities of the Association
9 Branch Executive Committees	replica of NEC.

The rationale for the structure is to provide quicker service delivery to clients. Majority of the members are service providers in the State Department of Livestock (Veterinary Services), Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and other institutions’ including academia, research, industry as well as the private sector. The structure enables partnership at all levels.

1. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Association are to:

1. Safeguard the interests and welfare of the members.
2. Maintain the honour and dignity of the veterinary profession in Kenya.
3. Promote the health and welfare of all animals.
4. Further the advancement of veterinary science and practice.
5. Seek and retain veterinary information and exchange relevant information with other international bodies.

Embodied in the five objects is the need to cultivate and enhance a healthy relationship with other stakeholders in the livestock industry while offering leadership in development of animal resources.

The Association therefore contributes tremendously to promoting saving of livelihoods and lives of the people dependent on animals. Livestock is very important livelihoods assets for certain communities and veterinary skills are applied to promote human health and contribute to food security as well as the economic growth of the nation.

2. WHO ARE KVA MEMBERS?

Qualified Veterinary Surgeons from Public and Private sectors registered under the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Paraprofessionals Act (VSVPs Act No. 29 of 2011). Corporate members are in various categories. Membership by 1st June 2014 was 1,308 with 547. The Association has a policy of non-discrimination in membership drive.

3. KVA STAFF

Currently there are seven (7) personnel in full time employment. The NEC and Branch Executive Committee (BEC) members serve on volunteer pro bono basis.

4. KVA CONTRIBUTION TO NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

KVA collaborate closely with the National and County governments to deliver preventive veterinary services and educate animal keepers countrywide. It partners with several animal industry stakeholders locally, regionally and globally. The current key facilitating partners include the State Department of Livestock (public Veterinary Services); pharmaceutical enterprises; Business Advocacy Fund (BAF) ; Brooke East Africa and World Animal Protection. The Association looks for opportunities of promoting employment and creating jobs thus strongly support private practices. In its quest to deliver quality services it proactively strengthens the link with the Animal Production Society of Kenya (APSK); Veterinary Paraprofessionals (VPPs) and their Associations through which Veterinary Surgeons mentor and coach the various cadres of animal industry service providers. It advocate for partnership for effective service delivery.

KVA can be viewed as an organisation of the people on animal health matters and allied.

5. KEY ACTIVITIES

The Kenya Veterinary Association plays unique role in animal industry i.e. is useful to public, industry and the country. It is involved in many activities in developing animal resources and the key activities include:

- Animal vaccination campaigns in collaboration with the State Department of Livestock (Directorate of Veterinary Services).
- Annual scientific Conferences for members.
- Annual General Meetings (National; 11 branches) for members.
- World Veterinary Day Celebrations when free professional services are provided to the general public in collaboration with others.
- Annual KVA Golf Day for members and seasoned golfers at the Kabete Veterinary Golf club.
- World Rabies Day when free professional services are provided to the general public in collaboration with others. Rabies extension messages are vital in educating the public.
- Continuing Professional Development events countrywide for members; including on non-technical subjects.
- Monthly Executive Committee meetings for officials.
- Quarterly KVA Council Meetings; also used as monitoring and evaluation tool on how the Association is achieving its objectives.

The Association continues to play a very key role in the development of the Veterinary Policy; which is a constitutional requirement and supporting the Kenya Veterinary Board (KVB) in the implementation of the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Paraprofessional Act No. 29 of 2011. KVA is a key member of the animal Welfare taskforce reviewing Cap 360 Kenya Laws of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

As a team player the Association is eagerly awaiting the appointment of Animal Resource Secretary; commencement of Internship for Veterinary surgeons and Vet Paraprofessionals graduating from the various animal health institutions; creation of the Veterinary Medicines Directorate; starting of the Kenya Animal Health Inspectorate Services; Kenya Livestock Research Institute and the Kenya Livestock Marketing Authority.