



PET ADVOCATES

What is the Kansas Pet Animal Advisory Board (KPAAB)?

- Statutorily created in the Kansas Pet Animal Act (KPAA), [K.S.A. 47-1725](#)
- Appointed by the governor to advise him or her, the Animal Health Commissioner, and the Animal Facilities Inspection (AFI) program within the Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA)
 - The AFI program is responsible for enforcing the KPAA and its associated rules and regulations
- The Board has ten members serving three (3) year staggered terms. There is no representative for the Rescue Network licensee on the advisory board.
 - Licensed Hobby Breeder: 1 representative
 - Licensed Animal Breeder: 1 representative
 - Licensed Retail Breeder: 1 representative
 - Licensed Animal Distributor: 1 representative
 - Licensed Rescue Network: 0 representatives
 - Licensed Animal Shelter/Pound: 1 representative
 - Licensed Boarding/Training Kennel: 1 representative
 - Licensed Pet Shop: 1 representative
 - Licensed Research Facility: 1 representative
 - Public Member: 1 representative (private citizen with no link to the industry)
 - Veterinarian licensed by the Kansas State Board of Veterinary Examiners (KSBVE): 1 representative

What does the Kansas Pet Animal Advisory Board do?

- Reviews the status of the Kansas Pet Animal Act (KPAA) - the law that establishes licensure, regulations, and inspections for pet animal facilities
- Makes recommendations on changes to the KPAA and its rules and regulations
- Meets quarterly, usually for two hours, alternating between virtual meetings and in-person meetings at the KDA's headquarters in Manhattan, KS
 - There may also be infrequent special Board meetings and other time commitments
- Information is posted on [the website](#)

Why should you join the Kansas Pet Animal Advisory Board?

- To elevate the standards of care and health for pet animals
- To influence the laws and regulations that govern the lives of pets in licensed facilities
- To share your passion and expertise for pet animals

How do I join the Kansas Pet Animal Advisory Board?

- Email Governor Kelly's Appointments Secretary Melissa King at melissa.king@ks.gov
- [Apply online](#) at the Governor's Office of Appointments

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