



## DR IZAK VENTER IS THE FOUNDER OF DVOS

Education BVSc Onderstepoort 1990 MMedVet Ophth [Cum Laude] Onderstepoort 1994



Cataract surgery on Aman a male orangutan. This was done in Borneo in a center for orangutans under fairly challenging conditions.



Examination of an elephant in a reserve near Oudtshoorn in the Western Cape.



Examination of a cheetah. Home made "darkroom" for proper examination.



Examination of an elephant in the Western Cape.

Izak obtained his BVSc degree at the University of Pretoria in 1990 and MMedVet Ophth [Cum Laude] in 1994.

In 1996 he founded the JHB animal Eye Hospital together with Dr Antony Goodhead and in 2011 Cape Animal eye Hospital with Dr's Antony Goodhead and Lo-An Odayer. He was practicing as a veterinary ophthalmologist from 1994 to 2019.

Since 1996 he was actively involved as lecturer at the veterinary faculty of the University of Pretoria lecturing both pre and post graduate students. He was promotor of 3 MMedVet students and co promotor of 2 MMedVet students. Since 1996 he was a presenter of continuing professional education lectures for various events including SAVA & Vetlink congresses, Hong Kong University & Veterinary board CPD events.

Although most of his work was done on dogs, cats and horses, highlights however included performing surgery on numerous exotic animals including 2 orangutans, rhinos, lions, cheetahs, owls, a vulture as well as a porcupine. The cataract surgery on Aman, an adult male orangutan, was done in Borneo and is the first cataract surgery in one of these large apes.

In October 2019 he was in a hijacking accident and sustained a severe gunshot wound to his hand partially amputating his thumb. With the help of an amazing orthopedic surgeon his thumb was saved, but he lost most of the functionality of the thumb leaving him unable to perform ocular microsurgery. This event led to the start of DVOS.

