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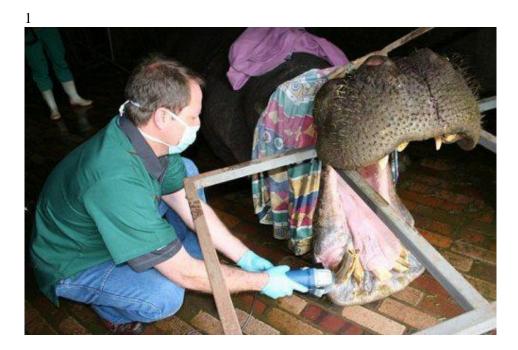
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## A dentist on a mission to travel the world and repair animal teeth (18 Photos)

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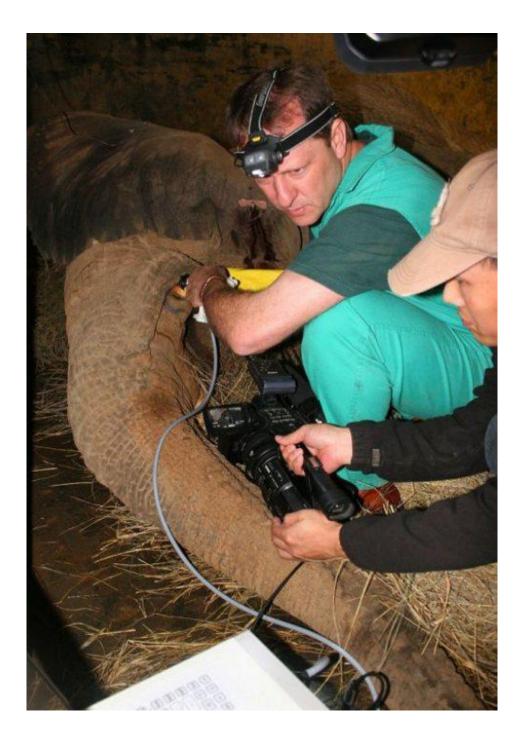
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South African Dr. Gerhard Steenkamp is one of the world's top vet dentists. He gets to tour the globe repairing some of the world's most ferocious animal predators. He is rumored to perform over 500 surgeries a year from animals ranging from lions and tigers to giant hippopotami. The dentist, from Pretoria, said: "I've been really blessed in my career so far to work on a variety of animals. I've operated on everything from a small bat right up to a six ton elephant."

'We try and make sure that everybody will be safe, including the animal, before, during and after the procedure. We spend a lot of time on safety and are very meticulous about that side of things.' For Dr. Steenkamp, the most satisfying part of the job is making a difference. He said: "I'm very blessed, I love my job. The amount of satisfaction I get out of working with these animals and being able to change their lives is great. With a lot of cases where you can repair something, you can instantly see them wake up and eat again free from pain. That is just really special to me.'

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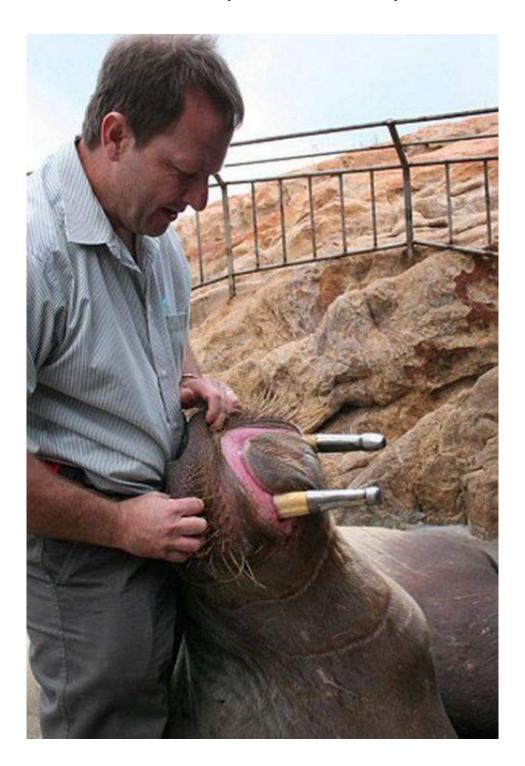




























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