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Sore Tooth elephant's operation a mission of great magnitude

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When Shirra, one of the controversial Tuli elephants from mr. Riccardo Ghiazza, toothache got was not simply a case of a dentist soon to go.

A crane had this elephant for seven years so she hired her ysterkrat a truck could be loaded.

She was Hartbeespoort off to the University of Pretoria's Faculty of Veterinary Science at Onderstepoort, where a team of twelve people was about her dental health doctor.

This is only the second operation on an elephant tooth in Africa. The first was two weeks ago at Onderstepoort done. The operation was to keep the area where animals have to be sedated before they enter the theater.

Thanks to the experience the team at the first attempt gained is Shirra and anesthetized with a special crane hoisted and transported within the theater.

Image and a TV crew 50/50 yesterday for the first time allowed the operation to take.

An elephant tooth surgery is the first time about twenty years ago in Europe have done. Through improved techniques were Shirra's operation much more advanced.

`` According to Dr. Gerhard", the `` animal" dentist whose name for ethical reason may be called, is a study that suggests that up to 5% fractions of elephants in their teeth.

`` The abscess which they can gain, spread for years and it happens that these animals could die," he said.

The first elephant, who operated on two weeks ago, has noticeably calmed after the operation, said Ghiazza.

Shirra's tusk had apparently been in the Tuli block cracked.

The crack has to be stretched her tandholte, where an abscess has formed. Dr. Gerhard, the tooth of about 8 cm stump cut and cleaned the abscess. Just like a human tooth, the tandholte then stopped.

Because an elephant's tooth from the back of the head grows, the blunt tooth forward and pressed her tooth will develop perfectly normal.

Ghiazza could not say how much the operation cost it. He was also not the first operation's account had not, but said he doubted whether it would be cheap.

`` Shirra would definitely not the treatment she received as the Tuli block remained in," the Ghiazza noted.