



## #34: Passion, vetting in Asia, and flying turtles! With Dr Ruan Bester

Dr Ruan Bester has spent the bulk of his career working in Asia in Hong Kong and in Macao, where he now owns his own practice. He has unrivalled passion for the job of fixing sick animals and is one of the hardest working most committed vets you'll meet. Despite the fact that his business is a great success financially, he still chooses to work 7 days a week, simply because he loves it.

### What will I learn from this episode?

- The correlation, or lack thereof, between performance as a student and performance in practice.
- Connection versus knowledge.
- Passion and motivation - are you born with it, or can you cultivate it?
- The importance of being open to personal growth.
- A different take on what balance looks like.
- The role of personality, energy and confidence.
- Life as a vet in Macau. (Where you pay no tax!)
- The weird and wonderful cases pets of Macao.
- Why it's better to fall from 20 stories than 8!

**One thing to remember: it's not the smartest vet who'll be the best or the happiest vet.**



- Book knowledge will only get you so far. Your ability to connect with your clients (even if you don't speak the same language!) will determine 90% of
- the success in your career. Clients don't want to know about the Krebs cycle - they want to know: "Can you save my pet?"
- Passion and a genuine desire to simply help sick animals can keep you going 7 days a week if it comes from the right place. (Although the Vet Vault does not recommend this!)

### **Dr Ruan says:**

*"I want other vets to also be enthusiastic about your job. You've studied such a long time to be a vet, so in the end after you've qualified you should do your best. You should live your dream. You should live your passion. It's passion. It's not a job - for me it's total passion. It's what I love to do."*

### **More about Dr Ruan**

Ruan's hospital: <http://www.royalveterinarycenter.com>

His TV show: <http://www.royalveterinarycenter.com/the-flying-vet/>

On the socials: [https://www.instagram.com/rvc\\_macau/](https://www.instagram.com/rvc_macau/)