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## EDUCATION

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**University of Queensland, Gatton, Australia** February 2018–December 2024 (*Military Service 2020-2022*)

Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Honours) (AVMA accredited program – Equivalent to a DVM degree)

**Bellerbys College, Brighton, United Kingdom**

September 2014–March 2016

A-Level: Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, and Further Mathematics.

## WORKING & VETERINARY EXPERIENCE

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**Ontario Veterinary College Health Sciences Centre**

July 2026 –Present

Companion Animal Surgery Internship

- Supervisor: Dr. Ameet Singh, BSc, DVM, DVSc, DACVS

**Ontario Veterinary College Health Sciences Centre**

June 2025–June 2026

Companion Animal Medicine & Surgery Internship

- Supervisor: Dr. Xiu Ting Yiew, DVM, DVSc, ACVECC

**University of Queensland**

August 2023–December 2023

Research Assistant

- Supervisor: Dr. José Granados, DVM, MS, PhD
- Assisted in developing and producing novel immunotherapy vaccines for canine osteosarcoma by processing tumor samples, optimizing antigen preparation, and conducting in vitro testing.

**Republic of Korea Army**

May 2021–November 2022

Medic, Squad Commander of Explosive Hazard Clearance Team

- Supervisor: Dr. Hak Jong Yu, Captain, MD, Anesthesiologist
- Delivered emergency combat medical care during high-risk mine-clearing and explosive material removal operations with prioritization of critical decision-making under extreme time constraints.

**Zoo Veterinary Assistant**

January–February 2019

SamJung The Park Zoo, Busan, Republic of Korea

- Supervisor: Dr. Young Duk Lee, DVM
- Assisted in conducting physical exams, diagnosing common health issues, administering treatments, and supporting preventive care protocols for various zoo species.

## PUBLICATIONS

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Rhee GS, **Ahn R**. *Animal abuse reporting and the ethical role of veterinarians: A comparative review of practices in South Korea, Canada, and the United States*. *Animals*. 2025, 15(23), 3408.

Rhee GS, **Ahn R**. *Animal Welfare and policy reform for Korean traditional bullfighting: Harmonizing traditions with animal rights*. *Animals*. 2025, 15(23), 3440.

**Ahn R**, Hakwer W, Dobberstein R, Richardson D, Singh A. *Modified bilateral labial/ buccal rotational flap with surgical nasal orifice creation following rostral maxillectomy in a dog with nasal planum squamous cell carcinoma: A case report*. *Canadian Veterinary Journal*. 2026. 67:758-766

Pathak N, Lozano B, Wang Y, Berns C, **Ahn R**, Singh A, Lux CN, Glamann S, Dickerson V. *Clinical findings and outcomes of dogs and cats with surgically confirmed penetrating thoracic trauma: A retrospective study*. *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association* 2026, 26-06-0466

Narayanan P, Kun KW, **Ahn R**, Doneley JTB, Henning J. *Radiographic reference intervals for cardiac silhouette in companion Galahs (Eolophus roseicapilla) and Sulphur Crested Cockatoos (Cacatua galerita)*. Submitted to the Australian Veterinary Journal on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. 2335202

**Ahn R**, Rhee GS. *Regulatory governance and the ethical quality of veterinary informed consent*. Submitted to Society & Animals on July 15<sup>th</sup> 2026, 280013

### **Manuscripts in Progress**

**Ahn R**, Hawker W, Singh A, Mayhew P. *An investigation into current treatment trends for the surgical management of brachycephalic obstructive airway syndrome (BOAS) amongst ACVS diplomates*. Manuscript in preparation for submission to the Veterinary Surgery.

Sheppard S, **Ahn R**, Story M, Granados JS, Allavena R. *HER2 expression in canine osteosarcoma: influence of fixation and decalcification on immunohistochemical analysis and its prognostic significance*. Manuscript in preparation for submission to a peer-reviewed journal.

### **CLINICAL PRESENTATIONS**

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#### **“Canine Subcutaneous Mast Cell Tumour”**

- University of Guelph, Clinical grand round, May 2026

#### **“HER2 Expression in Canine Osteosarcoma: Influence of Fixation and Decalcification on Immunohistochemical Analysis and Its Prognostic Significance”**

- University of Queensland, Research elective presentation, November 2024

#### **“Canine Non-visceral Hemangiosarcoma”**

- University of Queensland, Pathology grand rounds, September 2024

#### **“Optimal Timing of Neutering in Canine Patients and Client Education”**

- University of Queensland, Conference week, June 2024

#### **“Anesthetic Considerations for Aggressive Canine Patients”**

- University of Queensland, Anesthesia grand rounds, June 2024

#### **“Surgical Management of Extrahepatic Portosystemic Shunt”**

- University of Queensland, Small animal grand rounds, March 2024

### **AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

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#### **University of Queensland Science Scholarships Grant**

*August 2024*

- Awarded a \$500 grant to recognize outstanding performance and dedication during externships.

### **USA/CANADA VETERINARY EXTERNSHIPS**

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#### **Purdue University, College of Veterinary Medicine – Surgery Department**

*February 4<sup>th</sup>–6<sup>th</sup> 2026*

Supervisor: Dr. Mark C. Rochat DVM, MS, DACVS

- Completed a 1-week externship, assisting with approximately 2 surgeries per day.

#### **Washington State University, College of Veterinary Medicine – Surgery Department**

*October 13<sup>th</sup>–18<sup>th</sup> 2025*

Supervisor: Dr. Natasha Hottmann DVM, DACVS

- Completed a 1-week externship, assisting with approximately 2 surgeries per day.
- Participated in surgery journal club and house officer rounds.

#### **Capital City Specialty and Emergency Animal Hospital – Surgery Department** *February 5<sup>th</sup>–18<sup>th</sup> 2024*

Supervisor: Dr. Julius M. Liptak, BVSc, MVCS, DSCVS, DECVS

- Completed a 2-week externship, assisting with approximately 7 surgeries per day.

- Participated in Mortality & Morbidity rounds, surgery journal club, and specialty journal club.

**Ontario Veterinary College, College of Veterinary Medicine – Surgery, Emergency & Critical Care Internal Medicine Department** *January 22<sup>nd</sup>–February 4<sup>th</sup> 2024*

Supervisor: Dr. Michelle Oblak, DVM, DACVS

- Completed a 2-week rotating intern shadow across multiple departments, gaining insights into managing high caseloads and collaborating with senior clinicians and peers.
- Participated in the surgery journal club and practiced POCUS skills on stable ECC patients.

**University of California, Davis, College of Veterinary Medicine - Soft Tissue Surgery Department** *January 8<sup>th</sup>–21<sup>st</sup> 2024*

Supervisor: Dr. Kathryn Pitt, DVM, MS, DACVS

- Performed all clinical duties expected of a final-year veterinary student during a 2-week externship.
- Developed a thorough understanding of intrahepatic and extrahepatic portosystemic shunts through a self-directed case study review, focusing on medical and surgical treatment options.

**Oregon State University, College of Veterinary Medicine -Emergency & Critical Care Department** *December 18<sup>th</sup>–31<sup>st</sup> 2023*

Supervisor: Dr. Tandi Ngwenyama, DVM, ACVECC

- Performed all clinical duties expected of a final-year veterinary student during a 2-week externship.
- Practiced POCUS skills under the supervision of critical care specialists and ECC interns.

**Oregon State University, College of Veterinary Medicine – Surgery Department** *December 4<sup>th</sup>–17<sup>th</sup> 2023*

Supervisor: Dr. Ingrid Balsa, MEd, DVM, DACVS & Dr. Bronwyn Fullagar, BVSc, MS, DACVS

- Performed all clinical duties expected of a final-year veterinary student during a 2-week externship.
- Participated in surgery journal club and developed thorough musculoskeletal and neurological physical examination skills under specialist supervision.

**The Ohio State University, College of Veterinary Medicine - Soft Tissue Surgery Department** *July 10<sup>th</sup>–21<sup>st</sup> 2023*

Supervisor: Dr. Jacqueline D. Niles, BVetMed, DACVS

- Performed all clinical duties expected of a final-year veterinary student during a 2-week externship.

**Colorado State University, College of Veterinary Medicine – Oncology Department** *June 26<sup>th</sup>–July 7<sup>th</sup> 2023*

Supervisor: Dr. Deanna Worley, DVM, DACVS & Dr. Aki Otomo, DVM, DACVS

- Shadowed final-year students and clinicians during a 2-week externship.
- Developed a thorough understanding of mediastinal masses through a self-directed case study review, focusing on medical and surgical treatment options.

## **KOREA/AUSTRALIA VETERINARY EXTERNSHIPS**

**Animal Welfare League Gold Coast – Shelter Medicine & Surgery Clinic** *September 2<sup>nd</sup>–15<sup>th</sup> 2024*

Supervisor: Dr. Phuoung Nguyen, BVSc

- Performed all clinical duties expected of a final-year veterinary student in an 8-veterinarian practice, serving over 10 clients daily and performing ovariohysterectomy, castration, and lumpectomy on dogs and cats.

**RSPCA Wacol – Shelter Medicine & Surgery Clinic** *June 3<sup>rd</sup>–16<sup>th</sup> 2024*

Supervisor: Dr. John Mallyon, BVSc

- Performed all clinical duties expected of a final-year veterinary student, serving over 5 clients per day, and performing ovariohysterectomy and castration on both dogs and cats.

**Brisbane Veterinary Specialist Centre – Surgery Department** *July 28<sup>th</sup> 2023–October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024*

Supervisor: Dr. Rod Straw, BVSc, M(A)ANZCVS, ACVS

- Regularly attended an externship once a week, actively participating in surgical procedures and observing clinical case management.
- Developed a thorough understanding of subcutaneous ureteral bypass and tibial plateau leveling osteotomy through a self-directed case study review, focusing on medical and surgical treatment options.

#### **JangJaeyoung Surgery Animal Hospital – Surgery Department**

*January 9<sup>th</sup>–22<sup>nd</sup> 2023*

Supervisor: Dr. JaeYoung Jang, DVM, MS

- Performed all clinical duties expected of a final-year veterinary student during a 2-week externship, working alongside a team of 4 veterinarians.

#### **Keunmaum Animal Hospital – Internal Medicine & Surgery Department**

*December 5<sup>th</sup>–30<sup>th</sup> 2022*

Supervisor: Dr. Hyunsoo Kim, DVM

- Performed all clinical duties expected of a final-year veterinary student during a 2-week externship, working alongside a team of 12 veterinarians.

#### **Sajik Animal Hospital – Primary Care Veterinary Clinic**

*July 20<sup>th</sup>–August 16<sup>th</sup> 2020*

Supervisor: Dr. Minsoo Sin, DVM

- Assisted in general practice duties, including patient consultations, vaccinations, diagnostic imaging, cytology preparation and interpretation, and identification of various dermatological lesions.

### **VETERINARY CERTIFICATIONS**

**Korean Veterinary Licensing Examination**

*January 2026*

**North American Veterinary Licensing Examination**

*May 2025*

**Animal Health Australia Emergency Animal Disease Certificate**

*September 2024*

**University of Illinois Clinical Small Animal Dentistry Certificate**

*April 2024*

**ACVECC RECOVER BLS, ALS Rescuer Certificate**

*April 2024*

**AVMA Preventive Health Care Certificate**

*December 2023*

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS**

**Veterinary Orthopedic Society**

*2025–Present*

**Veterinary Endoscopy Society**

*2025–Present*

**Korea Surgery Journal Club**

*2024–Present*

- Participated in weekly presentations by Korean surgery residents enrolled in the North American surgery residency program.

**Veterinary Society of Surgical Oncology**

*2024–Present*

**University of Queensland Small Animal Surgery and Medicine Journal Club.**

*2024–Present*

- Founding president (February–November 2024).
- Organized and presented journals at weekly meetings under the supervision of specialists.
- Participated in weekly presentation to supervise year 2, 3, and 4 veterinary students' journal presentations.

**Small Animal Special Interest Group**

*2018–2024*

- Participated in a suture workshop, CPR workshop, GDV workshop, and fluid therapy workshop.

### **VOLUNTEER & TUTORING**

**Ontario Veterinary College Surgery Club**

*February 25<sup>th</sup> 2026*

Suture workshop

- Tutored Phase 1 & 2 veterinary students on suture techniques and patterns.

**Introduction to Orthopedics Workshop by VETPRAC**

*May 17<sup>th</sup>–19<sup>th</sup> 2024*

- Veterinary continuing education company providing practical skill enhancement.
- Attended lectures and cadaver practical sessions, gaining knowledge on various types of fractures and fixation methods.

**University of Queensland SAMS (Small Animal Medicine & Surgery)**

*April 30<sup>th</sup>–May 16<sup>th</sup> 2024*

Basic and advanced suture workshop

- Tutored Year 2–4 veterinary students on suture techniques and patterns.

## University of Queensland Peer Support Network

*June 2023–November 2024*

Buddy mentoring program

- Mentored Year 3 & 4 veterinary students, providing academic guidance and mental health support.

## OTHER SKILLS & INTERESTS

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**Languages:** Fluent in English and Korean.

**Website management:** Maintain a personal website ([www.rahyeonahn.com](http://www.rahyeonahn.com)) featuring self-directed surgery reports, monthly reflections, and journal summaries. The website highlights dedication to lifelong learning, clinical growth, and peer knowledge sharing.

**Reading and book club meetings:** Enjoy reading diverse literature to develop critical thinking and broaden perspectives. Actively engage in book club discussions to enhance analytical, communication, and interpersonal skills.