

# SLOTH PROBLEMS

# MASSIVE AGRICULTURE AND PESTICIDES

Farms mean that the forest needs to be cut down and the sloths are left without a home. Chemicals called pesticides are used to grow crops and these pollute the soil, cause cancer and are badfor the health of the sloths as well as other animals.



## DEFORESTATION

When trees are cut down, sloths lose their habitat and food source. A big problem is when the forest is broken into patches. The sloths have to travel between patches of treeson the ground, and here they face lots of danger.



#### POWERLINES AND ELECTROCUTIONS

Sloths use powerlines to travelin towns and often get electrocuted. This is also a bigproblem for other animals that live in the trees. Most animals don't survive after being electrocuted.



#### DOG ATTACKS

When sloths and other animals go to the ground they are often attacked by dogs. We have to be responsible for our pets! Cats are also a big problem for wildlife.



## ROAD ACCIDENTS

Sloths can't run or jump. If the sloth can not cross a roadusing the trees, they will cross the road on the ground and can be hit by cars.



## POACHING AND ILLEGAL PET MARKET

Sloths are victims of poaching for the illegal pet trade market. Rembember, every pet sloth was taken from the wild! The Illegal selling of wildlife for pets one of the biggest bussiness in the world, and one of the biggest threats to sloths!



### TOURISM AND SLOTH "SELFIES"

Some tourists illegally hold sloths for a "selfie" photograph. Sloths used for this are usually taken out of the forestand die of stress. This kind of tourism is illegaland promotes animal cruelty - don't be part of it!

