## SLOTH FACTS



Sloths have a low body temperature that changes a lot! They have bad eyesight but have a great sense of smell!

The average speed of a sloth is 5 meters per minutel



Long fingers and toes are like hooks that let the sloth hang upside down without using any energy.



Species of algae from sloth hair are being used by scientists to cure cancer!

Sloth fur looks green due to lots of species of green algae and fungi that only grow in sloth hair!

The huge stomach is 1/3 of the sloths body weight!



Sloths have lots of bacteria in their stomach to help them digest.

They have big stomachs with four chambers. It takes 30 days to digest a leaf!





Sloths are skinny! They have 30 % less muscle than other mammals.



Babies are born with sharp teeth ready to eat leaves, claws ready to climb and eyes open.

Sloths only poop

The baby will be with the mother until it becomes 1 year old.





Sloth poop is full of special chemical messages called pheromones. By pooping on the ground they are marking their territory. and pee once a week!

They lose 30 %

of their body

weight when

pooping!

down to the base of
the tree and perform
a "poop" dance
- they wiggle around

to dig a hole!



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