



FUN SLOTH FACTS

A SLOTH BOOK BY
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ALL SLOTHS HAVE THREE TOES!

There are two types of sloth, two-toed and three-toed. In reality, the 'two-toed' sloth should really be called the 'two-fingered' sloth as the difference between them both can be found on their front limbs.



SLOTHS SPEND
MOST OF THEIR TIME IN TREES.



THEY LIVE ALMOST THEIR ENTIRE LIVES HANGING UPSIDE-DOWN

Their long claws anchor them in place among high branches, they even give birth hanging upside down.



ALGAE GROWS ON THEIR FUR, WHICH
CAMOUFLAGES THEM GREEN.

Did you know a single sloth may be home to moths,
beetles, fungi, and algae



Source: TheDoDo

SLOTHS ARE CLUMSY ON LAND
BUT ARE GREAT SWIMMERS.



SLOTHS DIETS CONSIST MOSTLY OF LEAVES AND FLOWERS

Which gives them minimal energy and nutrition.



SLOTHS ONLY GO POTTY ONCE A WEEK.

Here's Grubby striking his best pooping pose. In the wild, pooping is the reason for a sloth to ever leave its tree.

Once sloths make their way down from their trees, they do a 'poo dance' before doing their business. They usually do this only once a week!

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SLOTHS GO POTTY AT THE SAME PLACE EVERY TIME

Once a week in the wild, sloths go to the base of a tree to go to the bathroom. Three-toed sloths have a special tail they use like a shovel to dig a hole. Moths that live in their fur fly off to lay their eggs in the sloth poop!

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SLOTHS' PRIMARY PREDATORS INCLUDE
EAGLES, SNAKES, AND JAGUARS.



THREE-TOED SLOTHS CAN TURN THEIR HEADS ALMOST 360 DEGREES.

Three-toed sloths have three extra vertebrae at the base of their neck, making it possible to turn their neck up to 270 degrees in either direction, or three-quarters of a complete rotation!



THEY MAY HOLD THE KEY TO CURING SOME CANCERS

Of the 74 fungi species collected from sloth's fur, three exhibited positive effects in battling human breast cancer strains, eight showed potential benefits in battling Chagas disease, and two conquered parasites that



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FEMALE SLOTHS ARE PREGNANT FOR 7 TO
10 MONTHS AND WILL USUALLY GIVE
BIRTH TO ONE BABY BUT SOMETIMES
TWINs.

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SLOTHS SLEEP ABOUT
15 - 18 HOURS A DAY.

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SLOTHS CAN LIVE UP TO
40 YEARS.

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THEY NEED OUR HELP!

Though not all sloths are endangered, they are threatened by habitat loss. Deforestation in the tropical forests of South and Central America jeopardize the trees sloths rely on for food and shelter.



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Kids Saving the Rainforest is a non-profit organization based in Quepos, Costa Rica.

We operate a rescue center that rescues over 100 animals each year, and our primary goal is rehabilitating these animals to be released back into the wild.

We have a veterinary clinic on-site, as well as a wildlife nursery with orphaned babies.

We have a reforestation project, and we also put up wildlife bridges and work with the electric company to minimize wildlife injuries and deaths caused by electrocution.

We host volunteers and interns from all over the world, some for the day, and some who stay on site and live with us from two weeks to over a year.

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The animals of the rainforest and future generations thank you!



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