

ALL YOU NEED TO **KNOW ABOUT** PANDEMICS AND THE ROLE OF ANIMALS

175%

Root causes and drivers:

of all emerging infectious diseases worldwide are ZOONOSES,

meaning they
jump from animals
to humans.



encroachment into wildlife habitats



factory farming



live animal markets



wildlife trade



fur farming

GOVERNMENTS NEED TO ACT NOW



- by focusing on prevention rather than on responding to and preparing for the next pandemic
- by acknowledging and removing the root causes of pandemics such as:
 - commercial trade in wild animals,
 - fur farming,
 - factory farming, and
 - the dog and cat meat trade
- by involving high-level experts in the political debate
- by prioritising animal welfare in all pandemic prevention strategies and legislation (International Pandemic Treaty)

References: World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE). (https://www.oie.int/en/what-we-do/global-initiatives/one-health); FOUR PAWS (2021). HOW TO PREVENT THE NEXT PANDEMIC? FOUR PAWS Future Study. COVID-19 and the interconnection between human wellbeing, animal welfare, the environment, and pandemics.

- by following an interdisciplinary One Health –
 One Welfare approach that recognises the link
 between human well-being, animal welfare and
 the environment
- by reducing our reliance on animal products and focusing on making our farming systems more resilient.

AGRICULTURE is a big contributor to habitat loss.

More than 77% of agricultural land is used to feed and keep farm animals.