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

75% of all emerging infectious diseases worldwide are ZOONOSES, meaning they jump from animals to humans.

Root causes and drivers:
- Encroachment into wildlife habitats
- Live animal markets
- Factory farming
- 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)
- 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.