

# Slow Poke™

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## 2-4 PLAYERS • AGES 4+ • AVG. GAME 15 MIN.

Slow Poke™ is our take on the classic game of Old Maid, featuring a colorful collection of nature's most laid back creatures. Animals such as sea horses, koalas, basset hounds, and everyone's favorite Slow Poke, the sloth, relax together for a lighthearted, leisurely card game. It's the perfect challenge for children ages 4 and up.

## OBJECT OF THE GAME

Don't be the last player holding the Slow Poke card! Everyone wins except the player holding the Slow Poke card.



## HOW TO PLAY

- Any player shuffles the deck and deals all the cards one at a time to each player at the table, including themselves. Note: players may not have an equal number of cards after the whole deck has been dealt.

- Find your matches! Each player removes all matching animal cards from their hand and places them face up on the table next to them. See example below.



- The youngest player goes first (this is Player 1). Player 1 offers their spread out hand to the player on their left (Player 2). **Do not show Player 2 which animals you have in your hand!** They will be drawing the card at random. See example below.



- Player 2 draws one card at random from Player 1's hand.
- Player 2 discards any pair of matching animal cards that may have been formed by the card they just drew.
- Player 2 then offers their hand to the player on their left, and so forth (see reverse side)...

Play proceeds in this way until all animal cards have been paired except for one, the sloth card. The player left with this card is officially the Slow Poke! All other players are the winners. Shuffle the deck, deal the cards, and play again!

**TIP:** Children are encouraged to be discreet when the Slow Poke card is taken from their hand by another player, but giggling and excitement often come as a result!

Encourage your children to describe which of these animals are their favorite, and why. Who do they think would win in a race? Which animal would make the best pet? Which animal looks the silliest?

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