

What Animal Is It? - First Grade

OBJECTIVE

To learn to identify different animals when given visual and verbal clues.

ACTIVITY OVERVIEW

Students will learn to identify animals by looking at an outline of them and by clues given by the teacher.

MATERIALS

- Animal outlines and pictures included in this lesson plan
- A list of animal facts for each of the animals is included in the lesson

DISCUSSION

- Tell the students that they are going to be animal detectives and try to figure out the kind of animal you will be describing. Ask if they think they can identify an animal based on a description and outline.

LESSON

- Begin by telling a little about the animal. Start with the basic of facts so that the students won't be tipped off right away.
- Use the outline of the animal to help with clues.

POST DISCUSSION

- Ask the students if they know any other facts about any of the animals.
- Ask the students if anyone has any of the animals as pets.
- Ask if any of the students has seen any of the wild animals. If so, where?

ACTIVITY

The pictures of the animals can be used as coloring pages for the students. Ask them to pick one (outlines can be used too, if students want to draw in the features themselves) and after they color it, ask them to write some of the facts they remember about the animal on the back.

What Animal Is It? - Beaver Facts

- The beaver is a large semi-aquatic rodent with webbed hind feet and a broad flat tail.
- Beavers are famous for constructing complex dams and underwater lodges.
- The beaver is famous for its unique skill of building dams and lodges.
- The beaver is the largest rodent of the world.
- The beaver has extremely sharp teeth enabling them to cut trees and plants to build their dams.
- Beavers have an excellent sense of smell, hearing and touch but their eyesight is poor.
- Beavers weigh 60 lbs (27 kg) and live up to 16 years.
- Beavers are herbivores eating mainly tree bark, grass and ferns.
- Beavers are excellent swimmers and divers.
- The fur of the beaver is oily making it waterproof.
- Beavers mate for life.
- A beaver colony contains only one adult pair of beavers
- A beaver colony has one or more dams to provide still, deep water to protect against predators, and to float food and building materials.
- A beaver can stay under water for as long as 15 minutes.
- The collective name for a group is a colony.
- The names given to babies are pup or kitten.

What Animal Is It? - Cat Facts

- There are over 500 million domestic cats in the world.
- Cats and humans have been associated for nearly 10000 years.
- Cats conserve energy by sleeping for an average of 13 to 14 hours a day.
- Cats have flexible bodies and teeth adapted for hunting small animals such as mice and rats.
- A group of cats is called a clowder, a male cat is called a tom, a female cat is called a molly or queen while young cats are called kittens.
- Domestic cats usually weigh around 4 kilograms (8 lb 13 oz) to 5 kilograms (11 lb 0 oz).
- The heaviest domestic cat on record is 21.297 kilograms (46 lb 15.2 oz).
- Cats can be lethal hunters and very sneaky, when they walk their back paws step almost exactly in the same place as the front paws did beforehand, this keeps noise to a minimum and limits visible tracks.
- Cats have powerful night vision, allowing them to see at light levels six times lower than what a human needs in order to see.
- Cats also have excellent hearing and a powerful sense of smell.
- Older cats can at times act aggressively towards kittens.
- Domestic cats love to play, this is especially true with kittens who love to chase toys and play fight. Play fighting among kittens may be a way for them to practice and learn skills for hunting and fighting.
- On average cats live for around 12 to 15 years.
- Cats spend a large amount of time licking their coats to keep them clean.

What Animal Is It? - Dog Facts

- There are approximately 68,000,000 owned dogs in the US.
- Approximately 1 in 3 households keep dogs as pets.
- 36% of homes have dogs.
- 85% of dogs visit an animal doctor in a year.
- There are a total of 157 types of dog breeds recognized by the AKC (American Kennel Club).
- A puppy is born blind, deaf and toothless.
- During its first week 90% of a puppy's time is spent sleeping and 10% eating.
- At the age of three weeks a puppy will develop its sense of smell.
- A puppy will sleep for fourteen hours every day.
- A puppy is considered an adult at the age of one year. At this age it is as physically as mature as a fifteen year-old human.
- More than 5 million puppies are born every year in America.
- The Greyhound is the Fastest Dog on Earth and can run 45 miles per hour for short periods of time.
- The Irish Wolfhounds is the largest dog.
- The Great Dane is the tallest dog.
- The Chihuahua is the smallest dog.
- The St. Bernard is the heaviest dog.
- The Chow Chow dog has a black tongue.
- When a dog bays at the moon, it is following its basic instinct to call the pack together.

What Animal Is It? - Elephant Facts

- The adult male elephant is referred to as a bull and the female is referred to as a cow.
- The name of offspring, or a baby Elephant, is a calf.
- The average size of a litter is just one Elephant.
- The collective name for a group of Elephants is a herd.
- The sounds made by an adult Elephant are referred to as grunts, purrs, bellows, whistles and trumpeting.
- A fully grown elephant reaches the height of 10 - 13 feet.
- Adult elephants weigh about 15,400 pounds.
- The elephant is the largest of all land mammals.
- Elephants can live for up to 70 years.
- Elephants normally walk about 4 mph.
- Elephants are able to swim for long distances.
- Elephants spend about 16 hours a day eating.
- Elephants consume as much as 500 pounds of food per day.
- Elephants live in tight social units led by an older matriarch.
- Male elephants leave the herd between the ages of 12 and 15.
- Elephant tusks are of ivory and are actually enormously enlarged incisors.
- Elephants have the largest brains in the animal kingdom.

What Animal Is It? - Lion Facts

- The Lion is a large, carnivorous feline mammal (*Panthera leo*).
- Lions have a short tawny coat, a tufted tail, and male lions have a heavy mane around the head and neck.
- Lions are native to Africa and Northwest India.
- The Lion's diet consists of meat - both large and small game.
- The male is referred to as a lion or tom.
- The female is referred to as a she-lion or lioness.
- The name of offspring, or a baby Lion, is a cub, whelp or lionet.
- The average size of a litter is two.
- The collective name for a group of Lions is a pride.
- The sound made by a Lion is referred to as a roar or growl.
- Fully grown male lions reach the height of 4 feet.
- An adult male lion weighs between 330-530 pounds.
- Lions are active during the day and at night but they prefer hunting at night.
- A Lion's lifespan is 15 years in the wild.
- The lion is the second biggest cat in the world.
- A lion can run up to a maximum speed of 80 kilometers per hour.

What Animal Is It? - Manatee Facts

- The Manatee (family Trichechidae, genus *Trichechus*) is a sirenian (large herbivorous aquatic mammal) of tropical coastal waters of America with a paddle-shaped flat tail.
- Manatees are commonly referred to as sea cows.
- The Manatee is a mammal.
- A manatee's teeth are continuously replaced throughout their life.
- Half a manatee's day is spent sleeping in the water.
- The manatee is extremely intelligent and can learn tasks as dolphins can.
- Male manatees are known as bulls and females are known as cows.
- A baby manatee is called a calf.
- Manatees weigh 400 to 550 kg (900 to 1200 lb) and are 3.6 m (12 ft) long.
- Manatees live in swamps, rivers, estuaries, marine wetlands, and coastal marine waters.
- Manatees live to be over 60 years old.
- The manatee's swimming speed is 5 to 8 km/hr.
- The number of offspring a manatee has is 1.
- Manatees are herbivores - eating mainly plants and sometimes fish.
- The manatee eats up to 10% of its body weight (approx 50 kg) every day.
- The calf of a manatee usually remains dependent on its mother for 1 - 2 years.
- The manatee travels about 40 to 50 miles a day.
- The manatee is the official state marine mammal of Florida.
- The manatee is an endangered species.

What Animal Is It? - Panda Facts

- The Giant Panda, or Panda Bear, is a rare mammal with distinctive white and black markings.
- Giant Pandas are native to China and Tibet.
- The common habitat is a damp coniferous forest.
- The diet of Pandas consist of bamboo stems, bamboo leaves and bamboo shoots (about 80 pounds of bamboo every day).
- Giant Pandas spend up to 16 hours eating
- The male panda is referred to as a boar or he-bear.
- The female panda is referred to as a sow or she-bear.
- A baby Panda is called a cub.
- The average size of a litter is one cub.
- The collective name for a group is a sleuth or sloth.
- The sounds made by the Panda is referred to as bleats, honks and growls.
- Fully grown giant pandas reach the height of 5-6 feet.
- Fully grown giant pandas weigh about 276 pounds.
- The Chinese revere the panda which they call "large bear-cat."
- There are less than 1,000 pandas in the wild and just over 100 in captivity.

What Animal Is It? - Penguin Facts

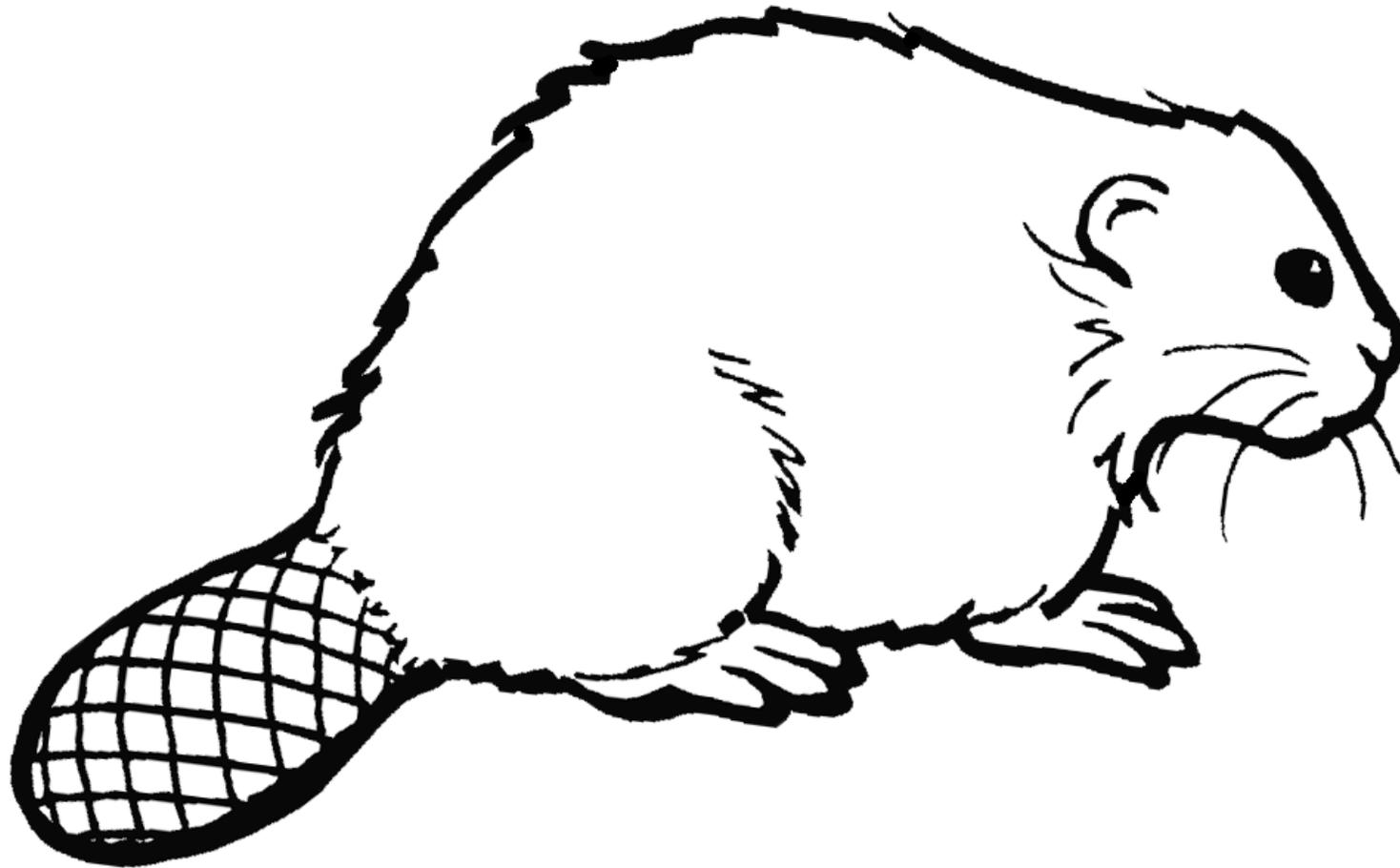
- Penguins (order Sphenisciformes, family Spheniscidae) are short-legged flightless birds of cold southern regions especially the Antarctic.
- Penguins have webbed feet and wings which are modified as flippers.
- Penguins are birds and they mate for life.
- Although they are birds, penguins do not fly but they do swim!
- Penguins live in many places including Antarctica, Coast of South America, South Africa, Galapagos, Southern Australia and New Zealand.
- A penguin can swim about 15mph.
- There are about 100 million penguins in the world.
- Penguins have black backs and wings with white fronts for camouflage reasons.
- The Penguin has a thick layer of insulating feathers that keeps them warm in water.
- Penguins can drink salt water because their lateral nasal gland removes excess salt from the bloodstream.

What Animal Is It? - Rhinoceros Facts

- A rhinoceros is a large and powerful animal of southeast Asia and Africa which
- usually have either one or two stout conical median horns on the snout.
- The word "rhinoceros" is of Greek origin from the word "rhino" meaning "nose" and the word "ceros" meaning "horn."
- All of the species of rhinoceros reach one ton or more in weight.
- The African rhinos and the Sumatran Rhinoceros have two horns, whilst the Indian and Javan Rhinoceros have a single horn.
- Rhinos have acute hearing and sense of smell, but poor eyesight.
- Dung deposited by rhinos marks their territory.
- The rhinoceros is an endangered species.
- Very few rhinos now survive outside national parks and reserves.
- Egrets and other types of birds can be found with rhinos, feeding on external parasites.
- Rhinoceros live 35 - 40 years.
- All rhinos have three toes on each foot - they are "three-toed ungulates."
- The horn of the rhinoceros is made of keratin (like fingernails and hair).
- Rhinos are intelligent and can be trained.

What Animal Is It? - Walrus Facts

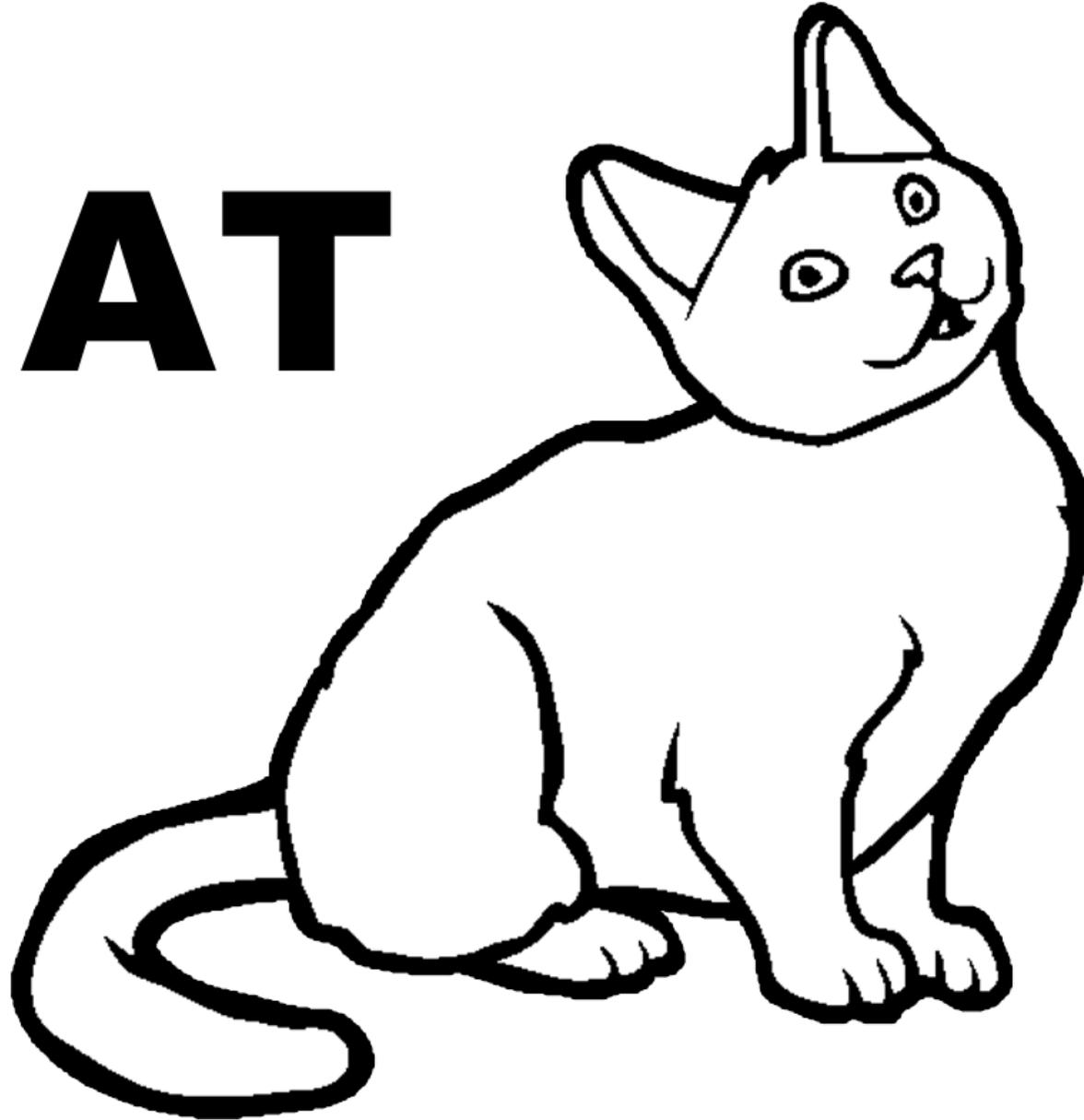
- The walrus (*Odobenus rosmarus*) is a large four-flipper marine mammal with ivory tusks and tough wrinkly hide over thick blubber.
- The male walrus has long and powerful tusks descending from the upper jaw. It uses these tusks in procuring food and in fighting.
- Walrus are native to the areas of the Arctic Ocean and sub-Arctic seas of the Northern Hemisphere.
- The walrus is hunted for its oil, ivory and skin.
- The walrus cannot move well on land but it is a very good swimmer.
- The tusks of the walrus are used to break breathing holes in the ice.
- Newborn walrus pups are about 1.2 metres in length.
- The bottoms of a walrus' flippers are bumpy so the walrus is able to grip the ice
- The male walrus, or bull, weighs 2 tons, the female, or Cow, over 1 ton.
- A bull grows to be 10-12 feet long and a cow, 8-9 feet.
- Habitat: Cold Arctic and Sub-arctic areas.
- The walrus can live 35 years.
- Walrus' eat clams, snails, crabs and shrimp.
- The young walrus stays with its mother for 2-3 years.
- The collective name for a group of walrus' is a Herd or Pod.
- Baby walrus' are called pups or cubs.



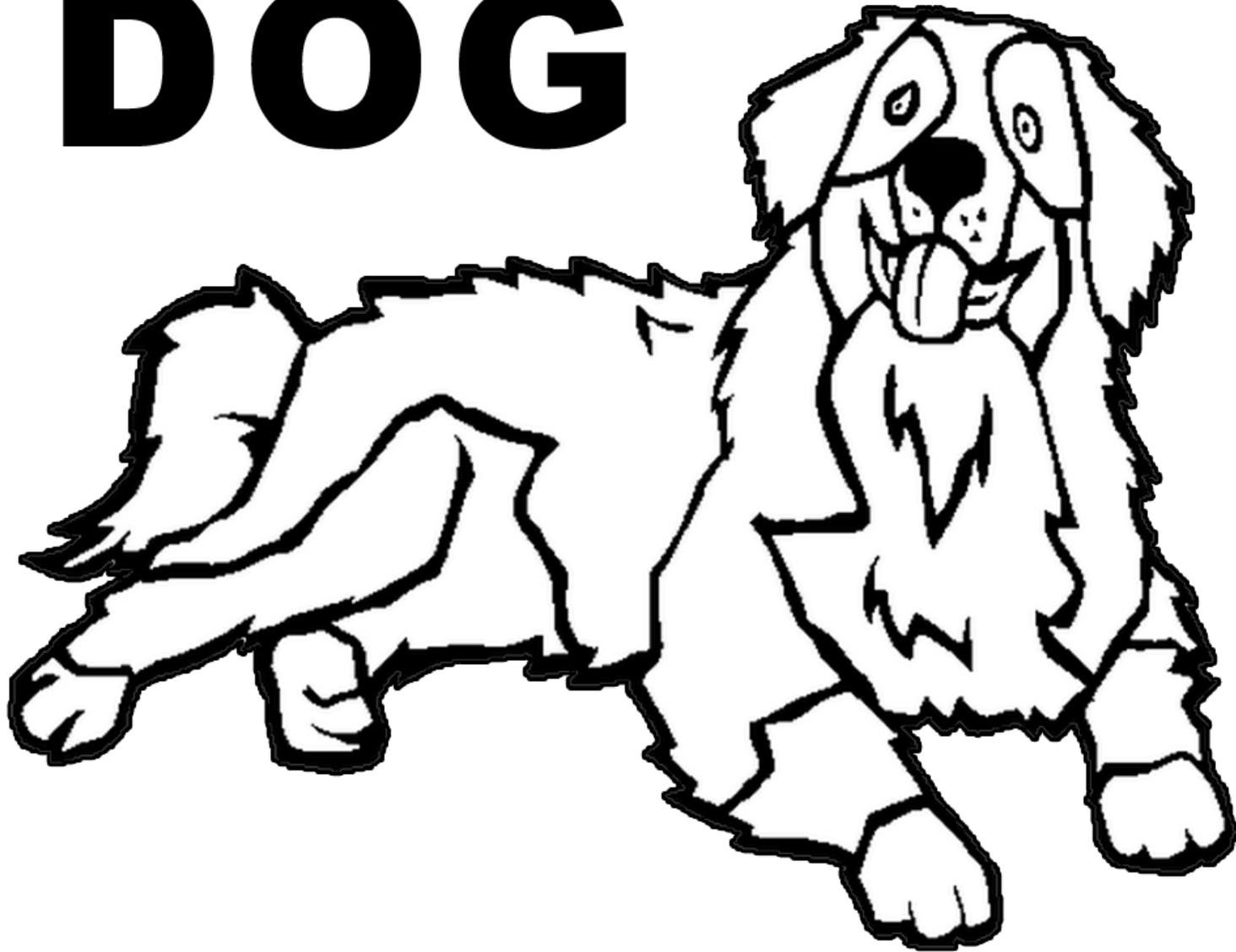
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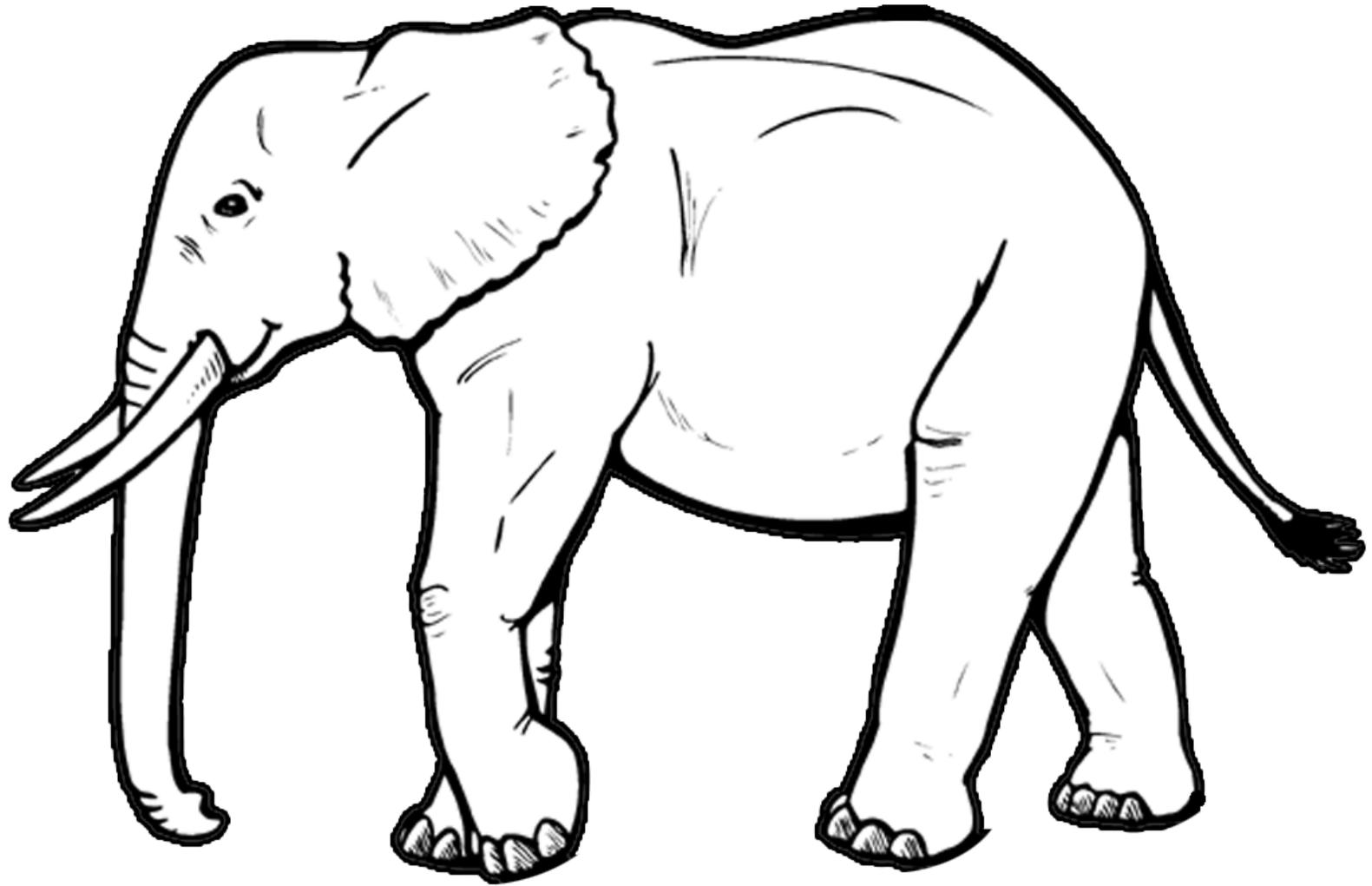
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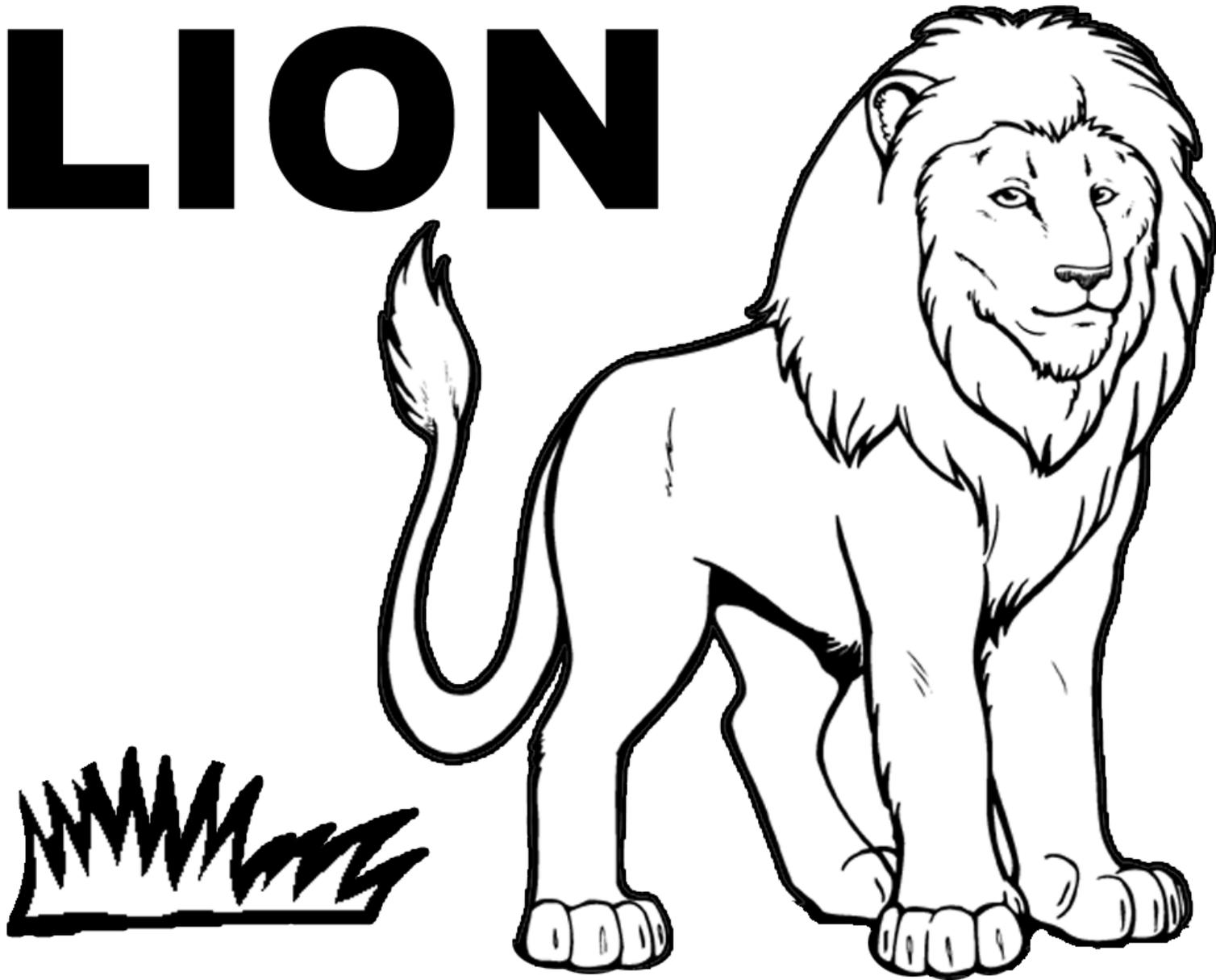


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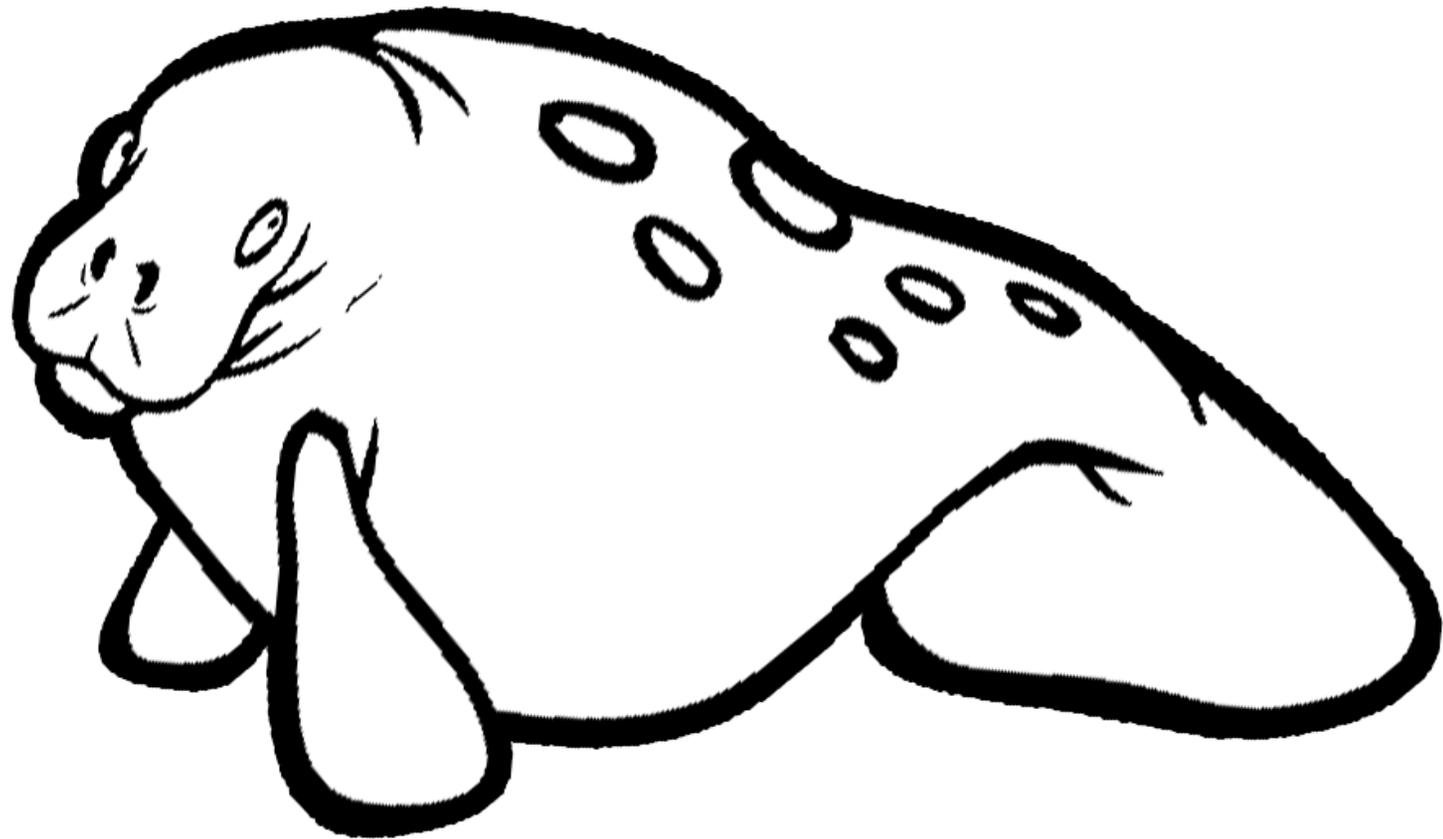


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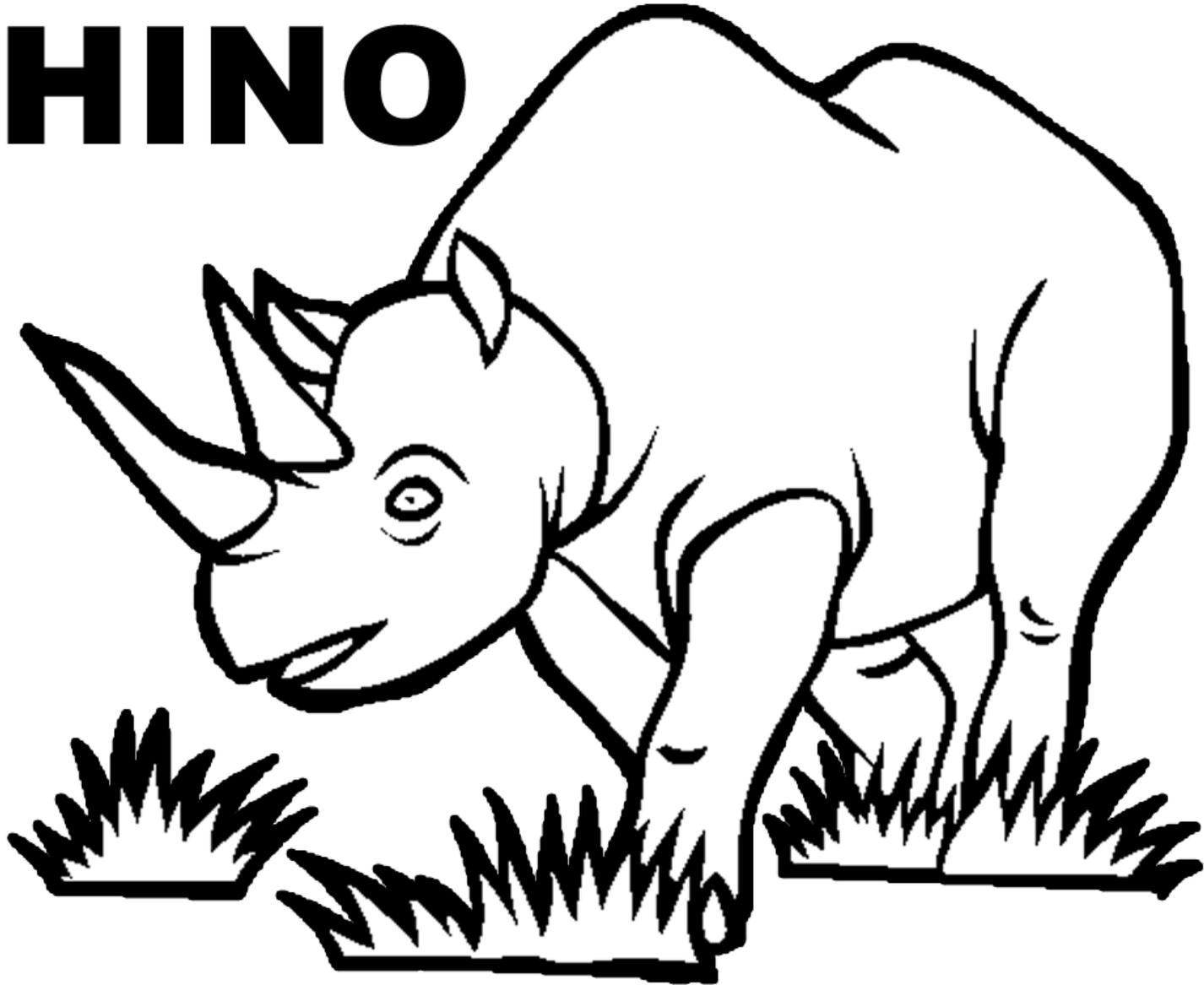
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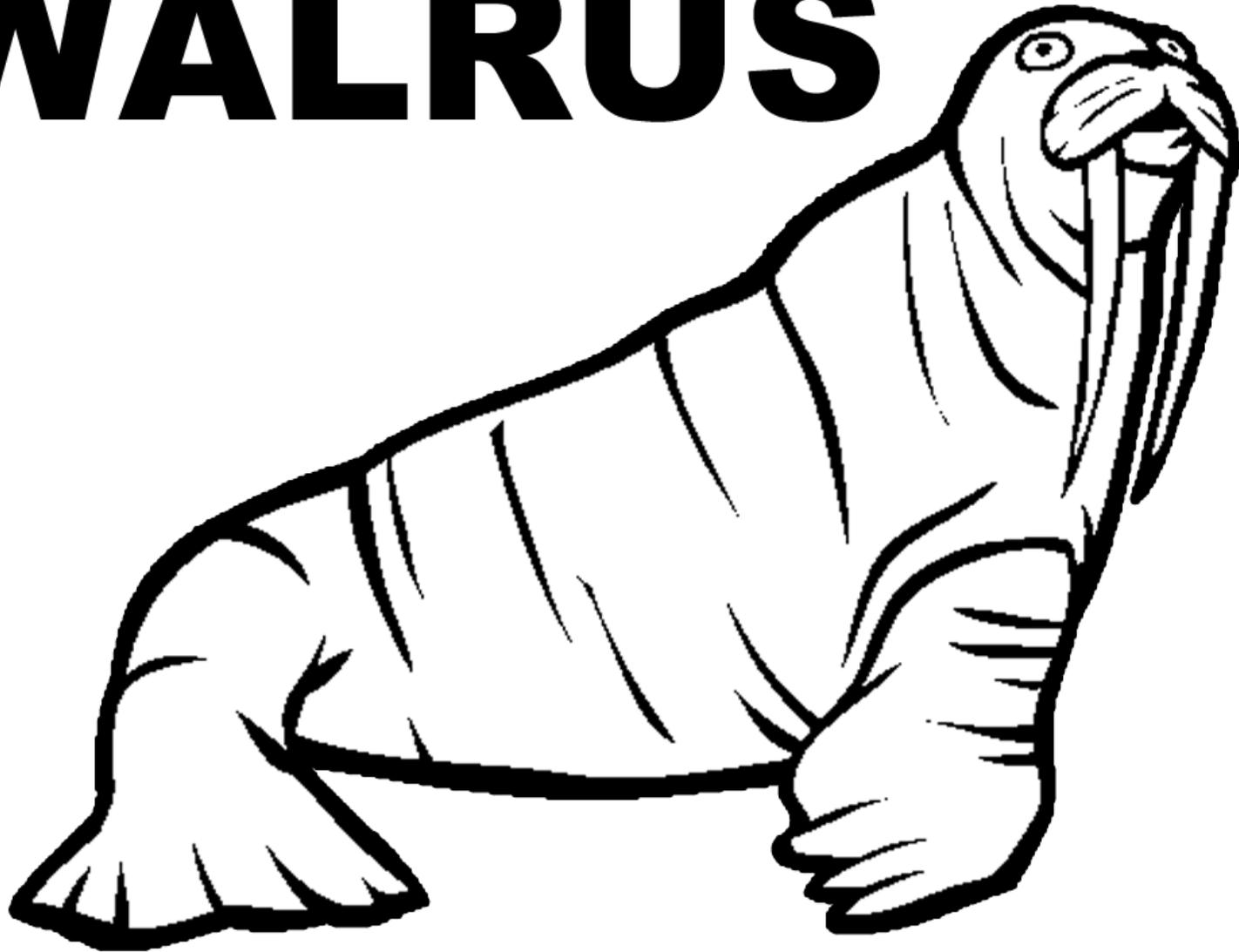
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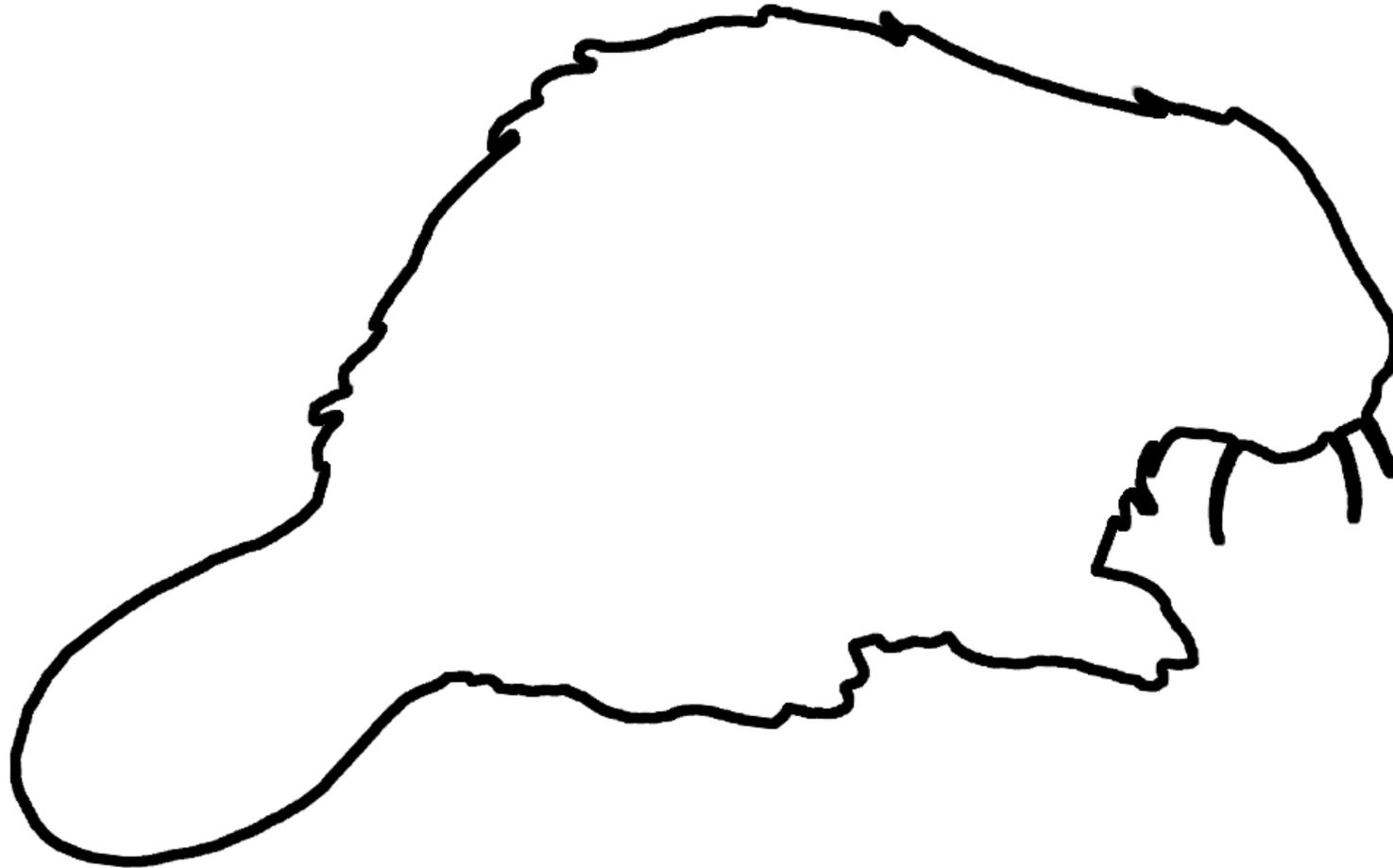


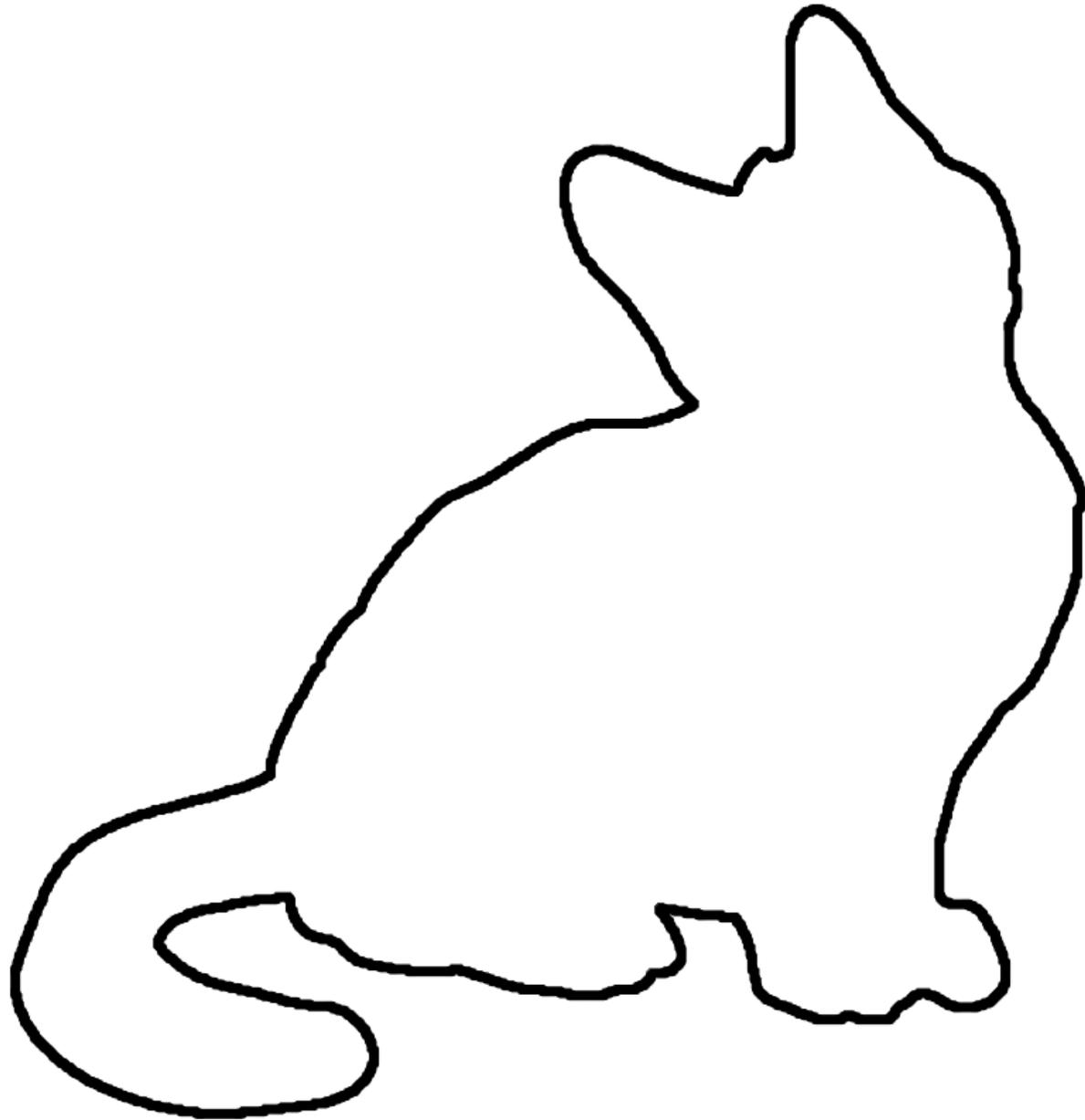
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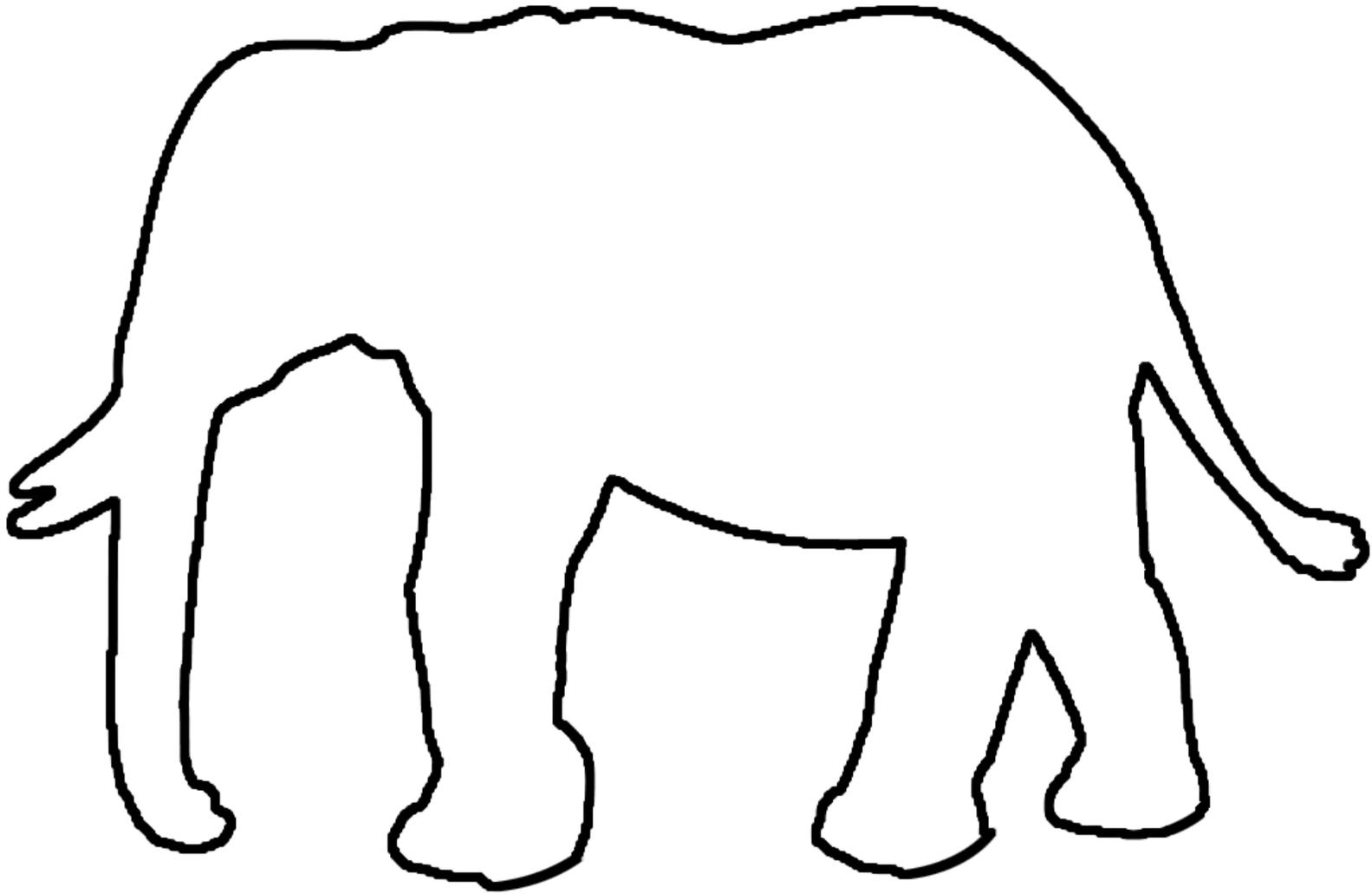




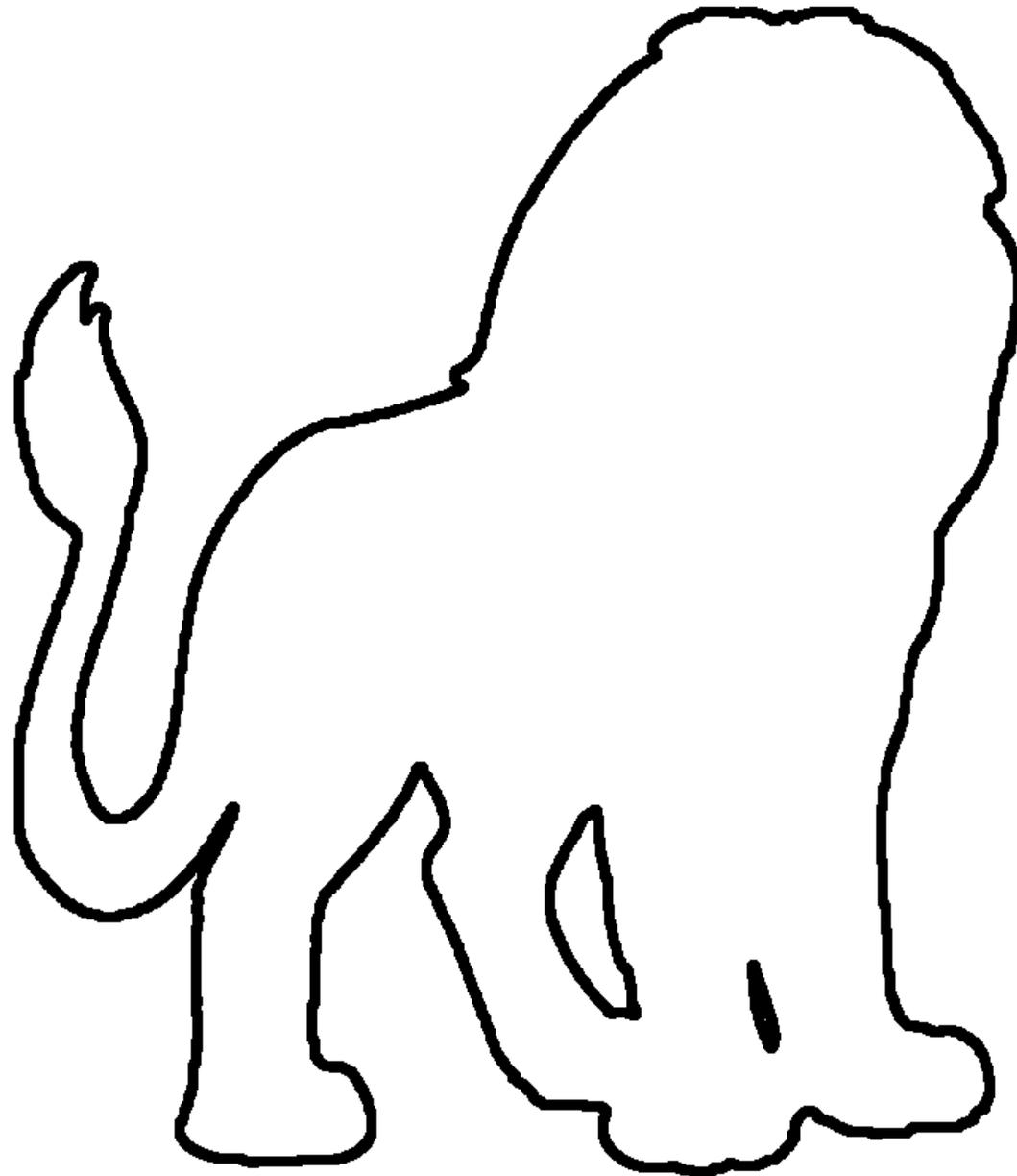
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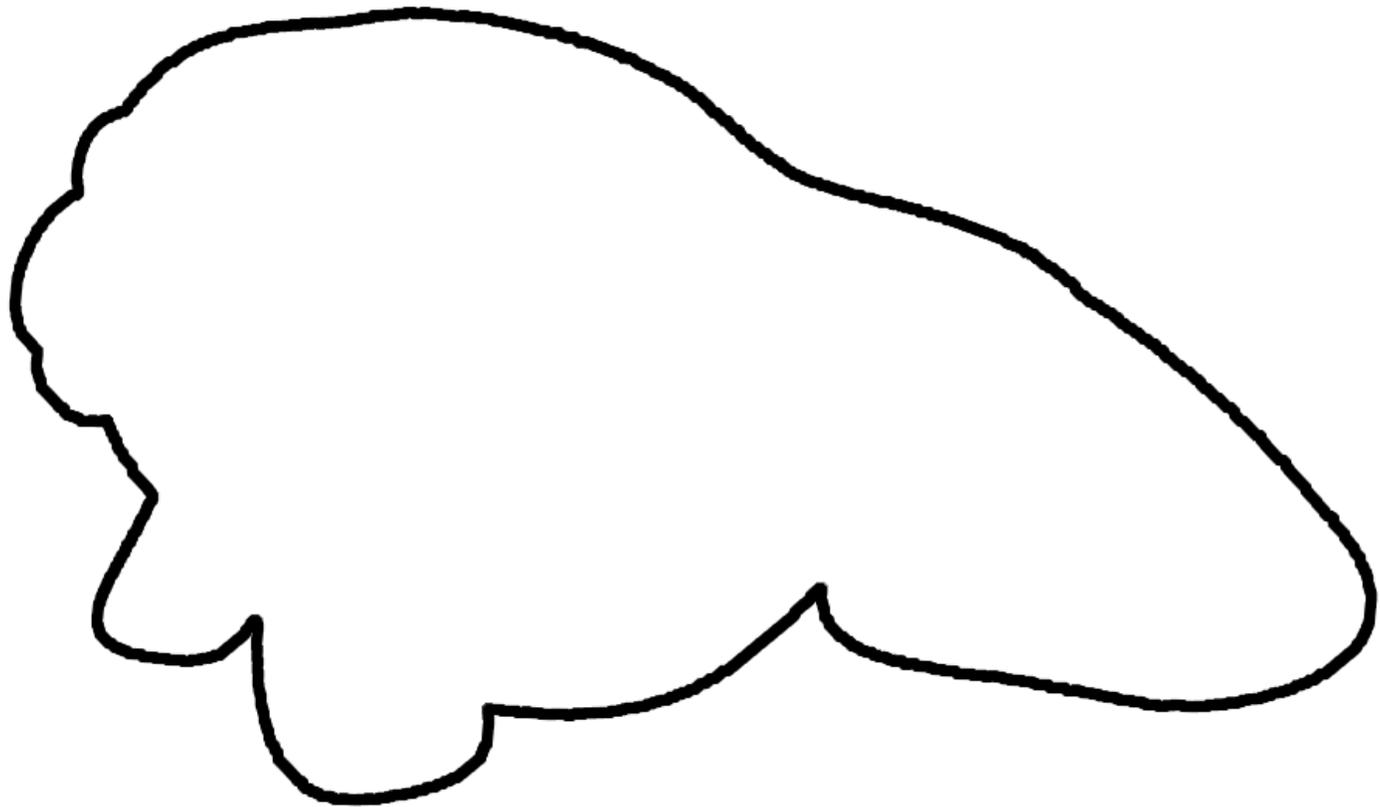
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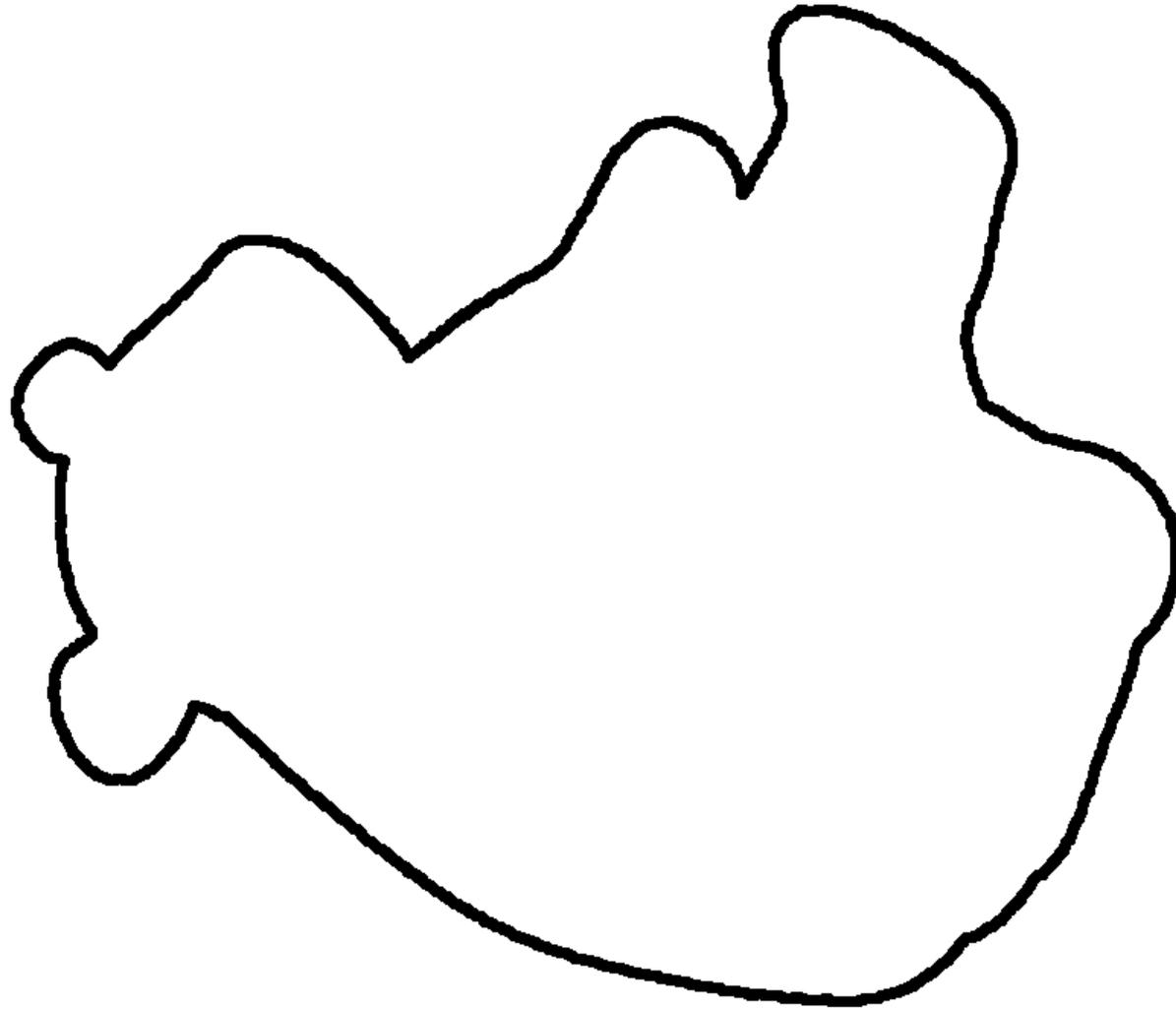


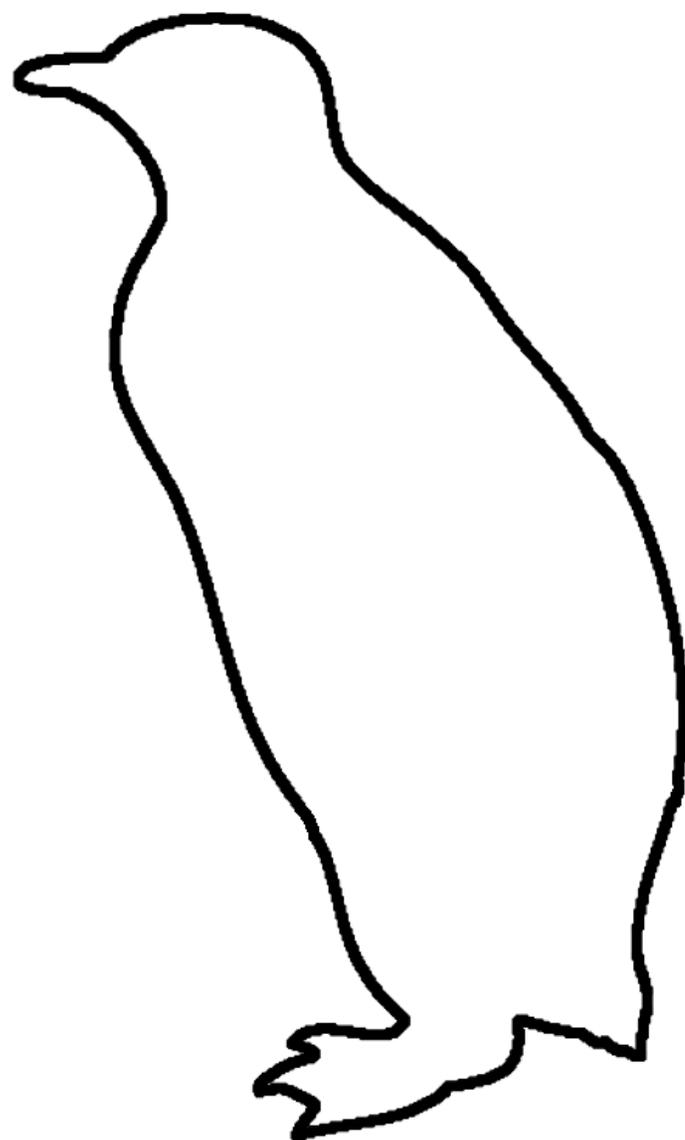
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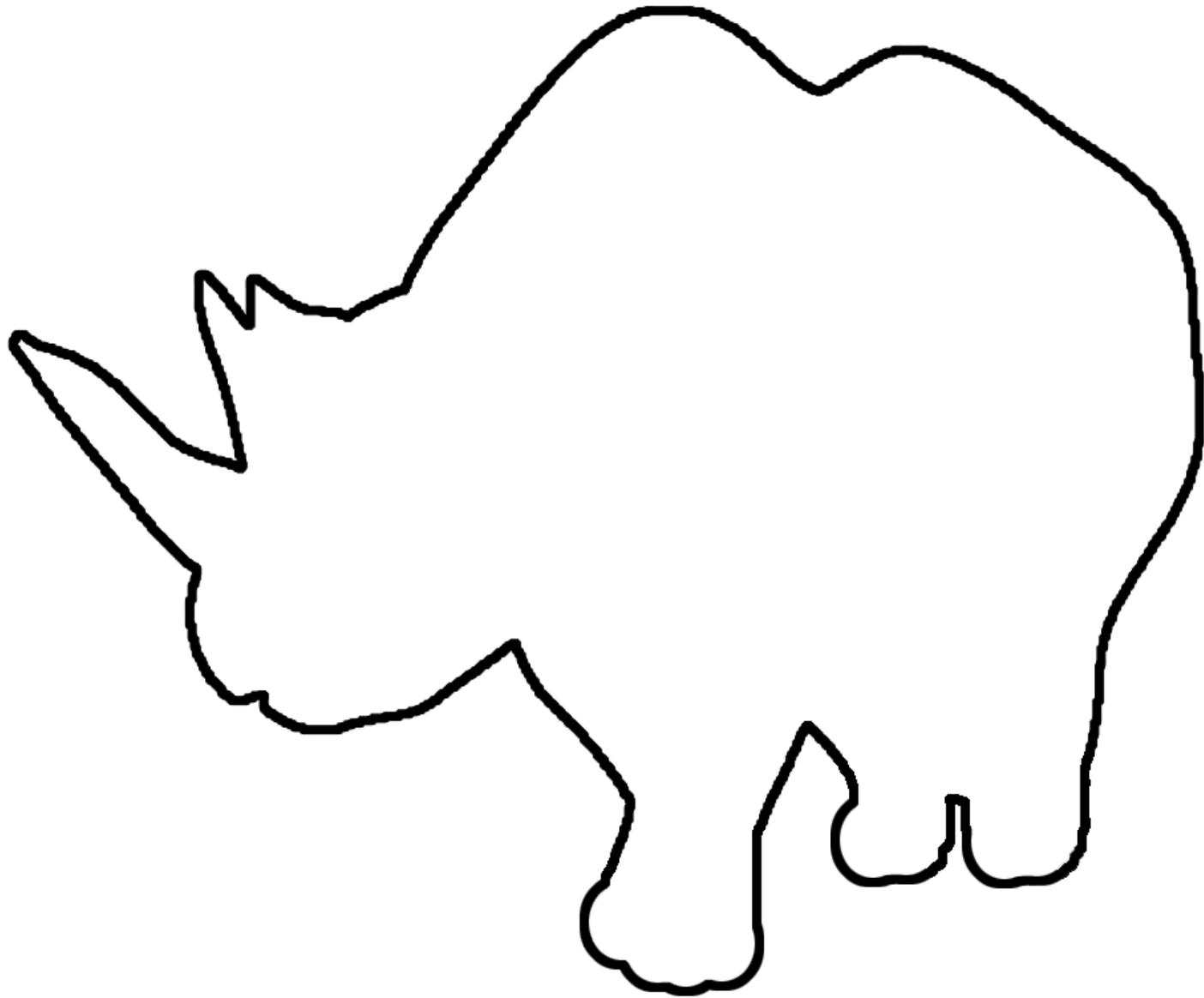


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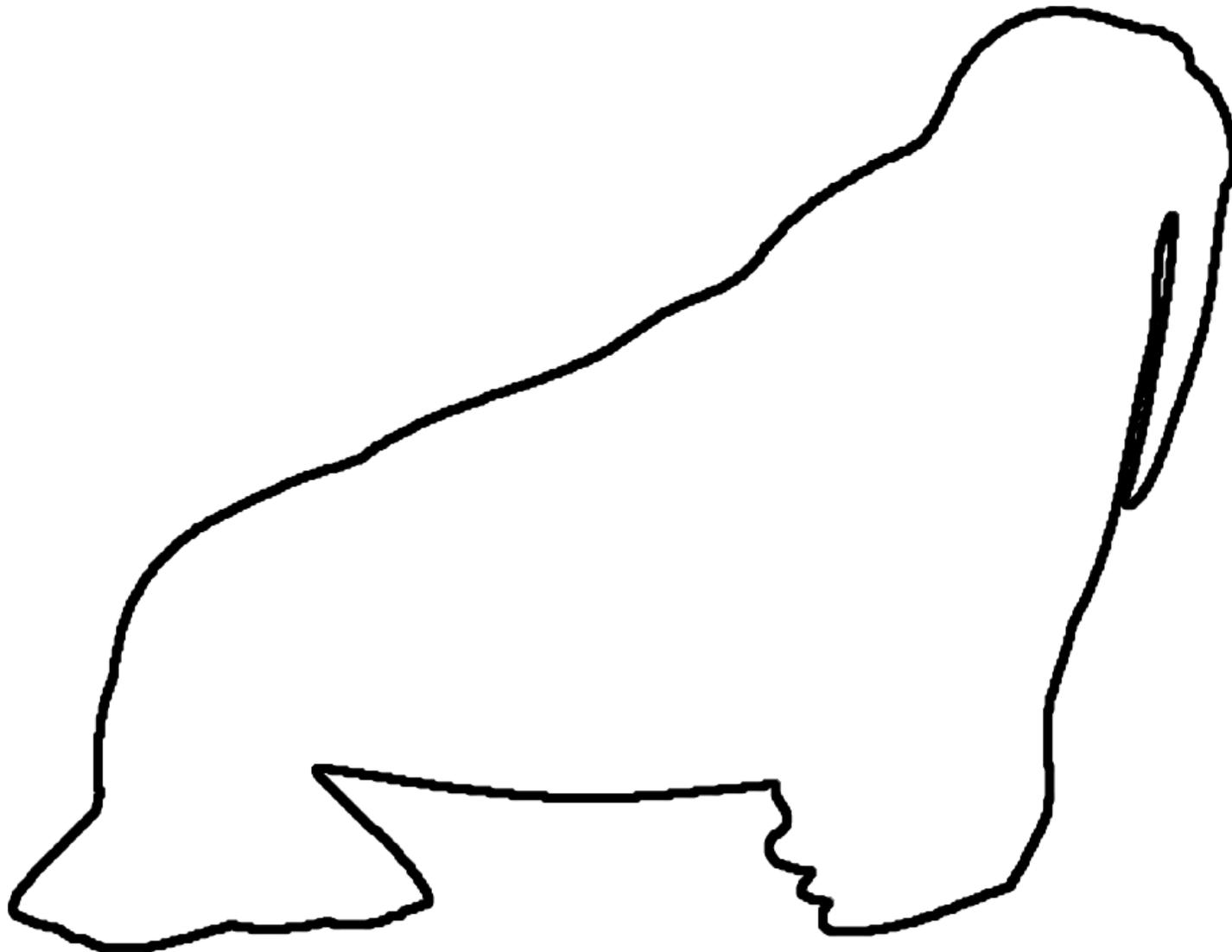








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