

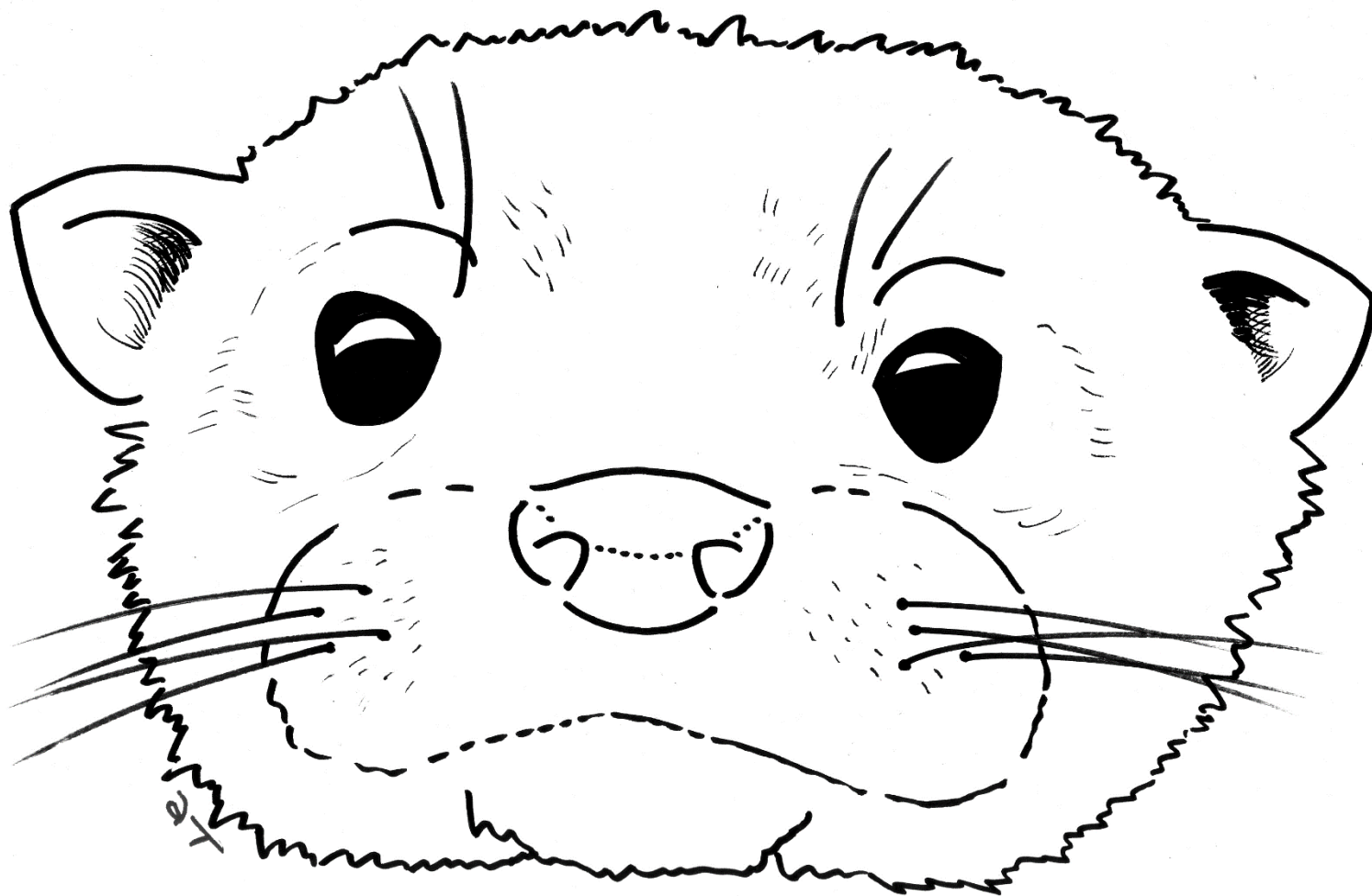
[NATIVE]

Otter

The otter is a semi-aquatic native mammal usually seen around rivers, wetlands or coastlines. They are carnivorous eating mainly fish, eels, frogs and small birds and mammals. Otters are secretive but inquisitive, playful and intelligent.

They have brown fur, a long slender body, small ears on a broad head, a long thick tail and webbed feet.

Size: 60-80cm, weight 6-8kg.



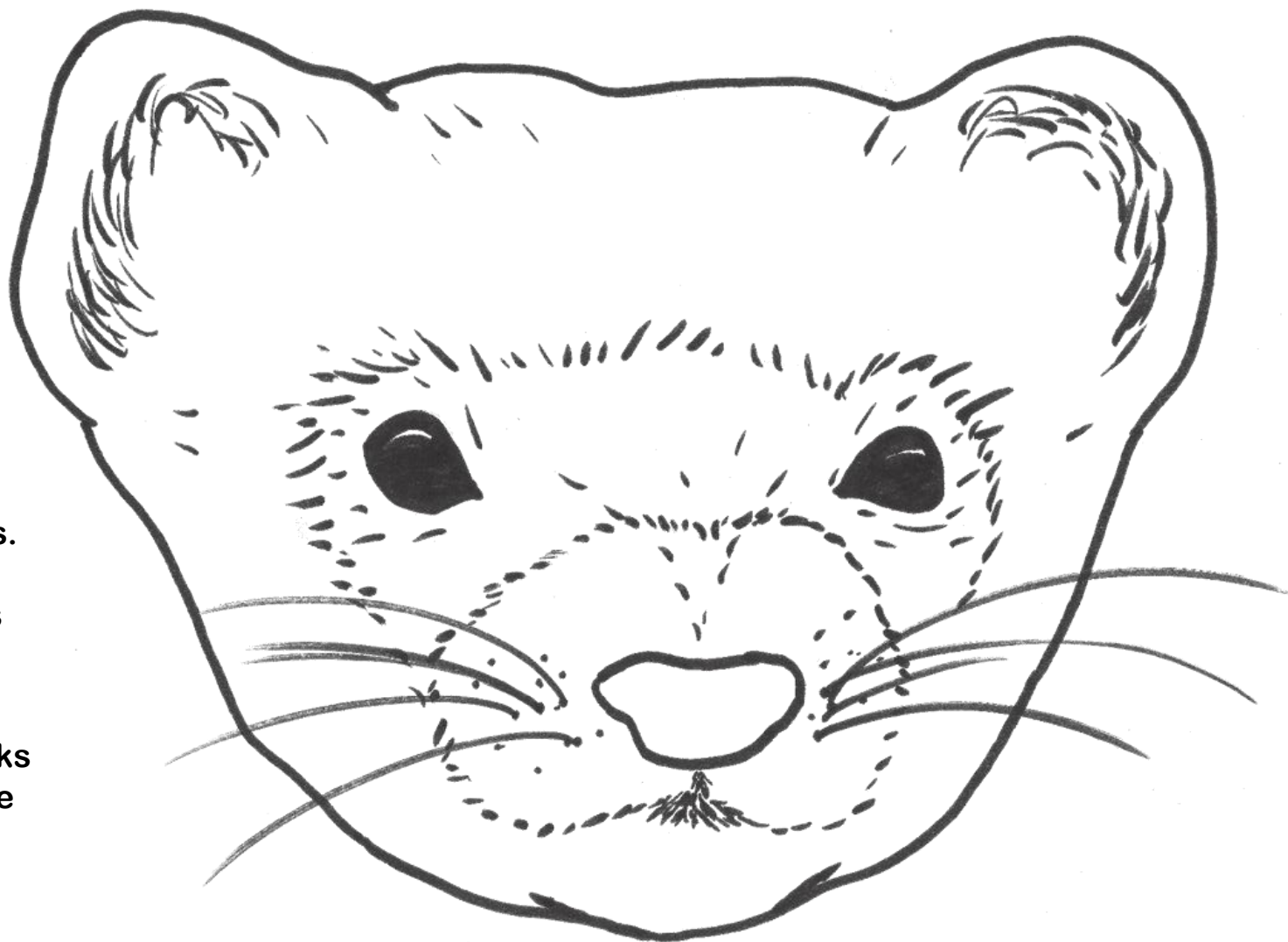
[NON-NATIVE]

mink

The American mink is a semi-aquatic non-native mammal usually seen around rivers, wetlands or coastlines. It is an avid carnivore eating a wide range of mammals, birds and fish. Its predation caused a decline in native water vole and seabird populations.

They have dark brown fur (which looks black when wet), a white patch on the chin, throat or chest and a long fluffy tail.

Size: 56cm, weight 4-5kg.



Water vole

The water vole is usually found along well vegetated banks of slow flowing rivers, ditches, burns and lochs. They live in burrows and eat grass and waterside vegetation.

They are rat sized with a blunt nose, dark chestnut-brown or black fur, short rounded ears and a fur covered tail.

Size – 14-22 cm.

Populations declined 94% in Britain, partially due to predation by American mink.

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