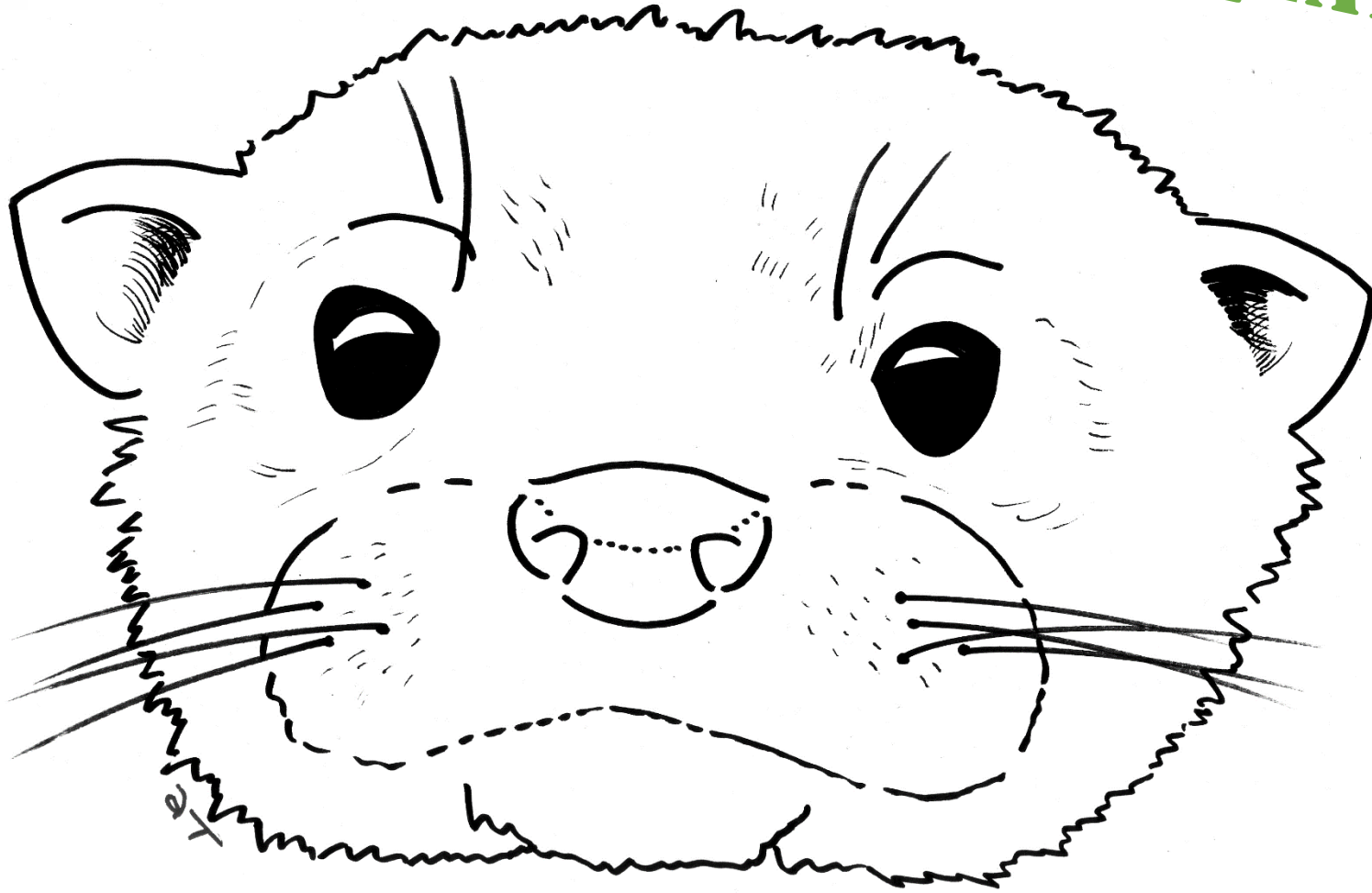


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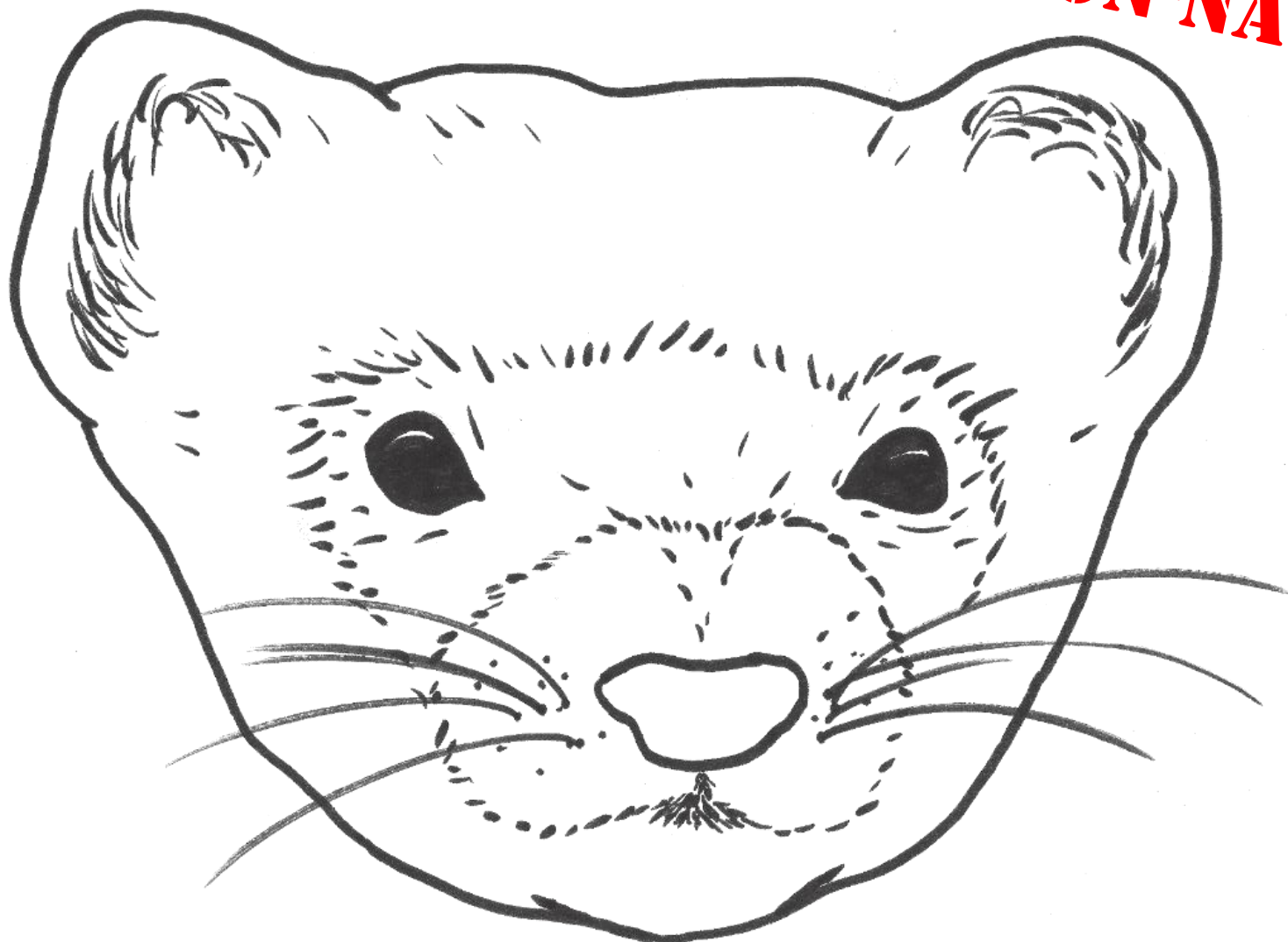
Otter

The otter is a semi-aquatic native mammal, usually seen around rivers, wetlands or coastlines. It is carnivorous, eating mainly invertebrates and fish. 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 on a wide range of mammals, birds and fish. Its predation caused a decline in the native water vole and seabird populations.

They have dark brown fur, looking black when wet, white patch on chin, throat or chest and a short fluffy tail.

Size – 56cm, weight 4-5kg



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[NATIVE]

Water vole

The water vole is usually found along well vegetated banks of slow flowing rivers, ditches, dykes 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 fur covered tail.

Size – 14-22 cm.

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

