



Brown Hyena

Brown hyenas live in
southern Africa. They
have long dark gray
or brown fur on their

backs and stripes on
their legs. They have
white fur around their
necks, and long,
pointed ears. They are
around four feet long
and weigh about 90
pounds. They hunt
other animals for food
and also eat eggs and
fruit.

Brown hyenas have a

strange howl that
sounds like a person
laughing. They have a
very good sense of
smell and can find
food that is far away.
They go out mostly at
night to find food. If
they find more food
than they can eat,
sometimes they store
it to eat later.

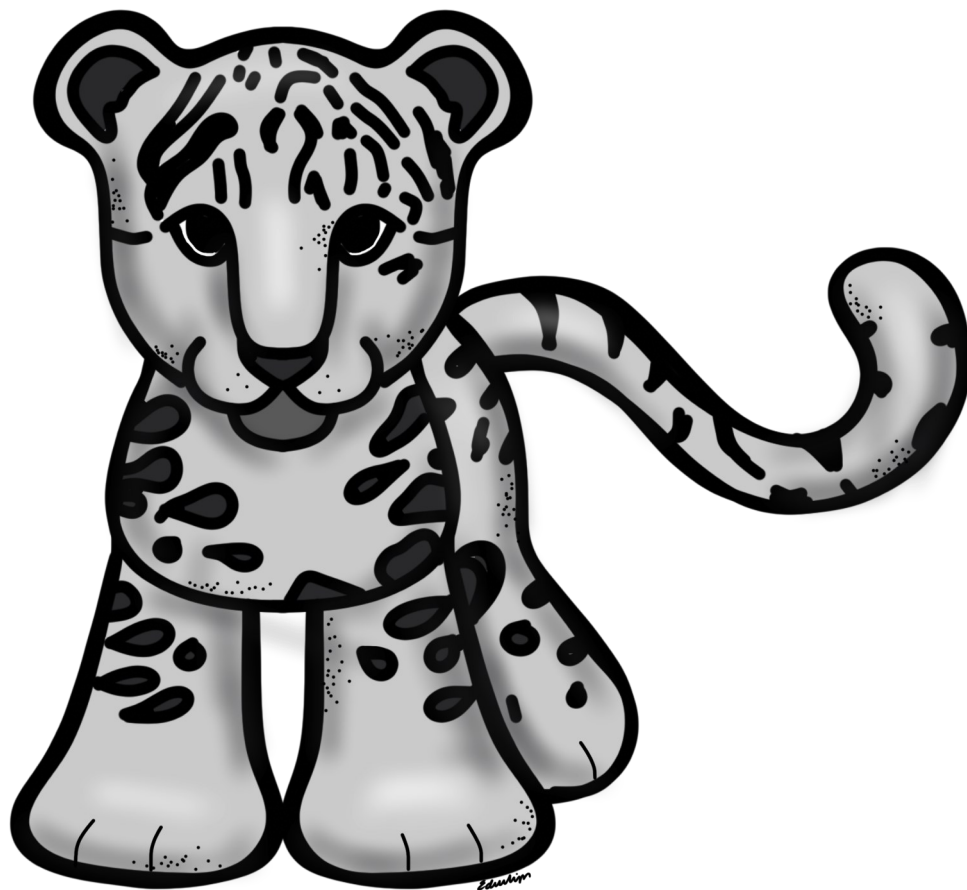
Even though brown
hyenas like to hunt by
themselves, they live
in small groups called
clans. A mother brown
hyena usually has one
to three babies, called
cubs, at one time. The
cubs can't see or hear
when they are born,
but that changes fast.
Brown hyenas help
each other raise their

cubs and share food
with cubs in the clan.

Sometimes hyenas eat
farm animals, which
hurts farmers. The
hyenas are hunted to
keep the animals
safe, so the hyenas
are endangered.

Some hyenas live on
reserves and in parks
where they are safe.





Snow Leopard

Snow leopards are
very large cats that
have thick, pale gray
fur, with a little tan

in it. They also have
black spots. They
have long tails that
help them keep their
balance in the steep
parts of the high
mountains of central
Asia where they live.

When snow leopards
are fully grown, they
can weigh over one
hundred pounds and

be about three to
four feet long.

Because of their
strong legs, they can
leap up to fifty
feet. This helps when
they are hunting
another animal to
eat, like a blue sheep
or a mountain ibex.

Usually one to three
babies, called cubs,

are born at one time.

They stay with their

mother until they are

almost two years old.

Snow leopards like to

be by themselves and

do not stay together

in groups.

Snow leopards are

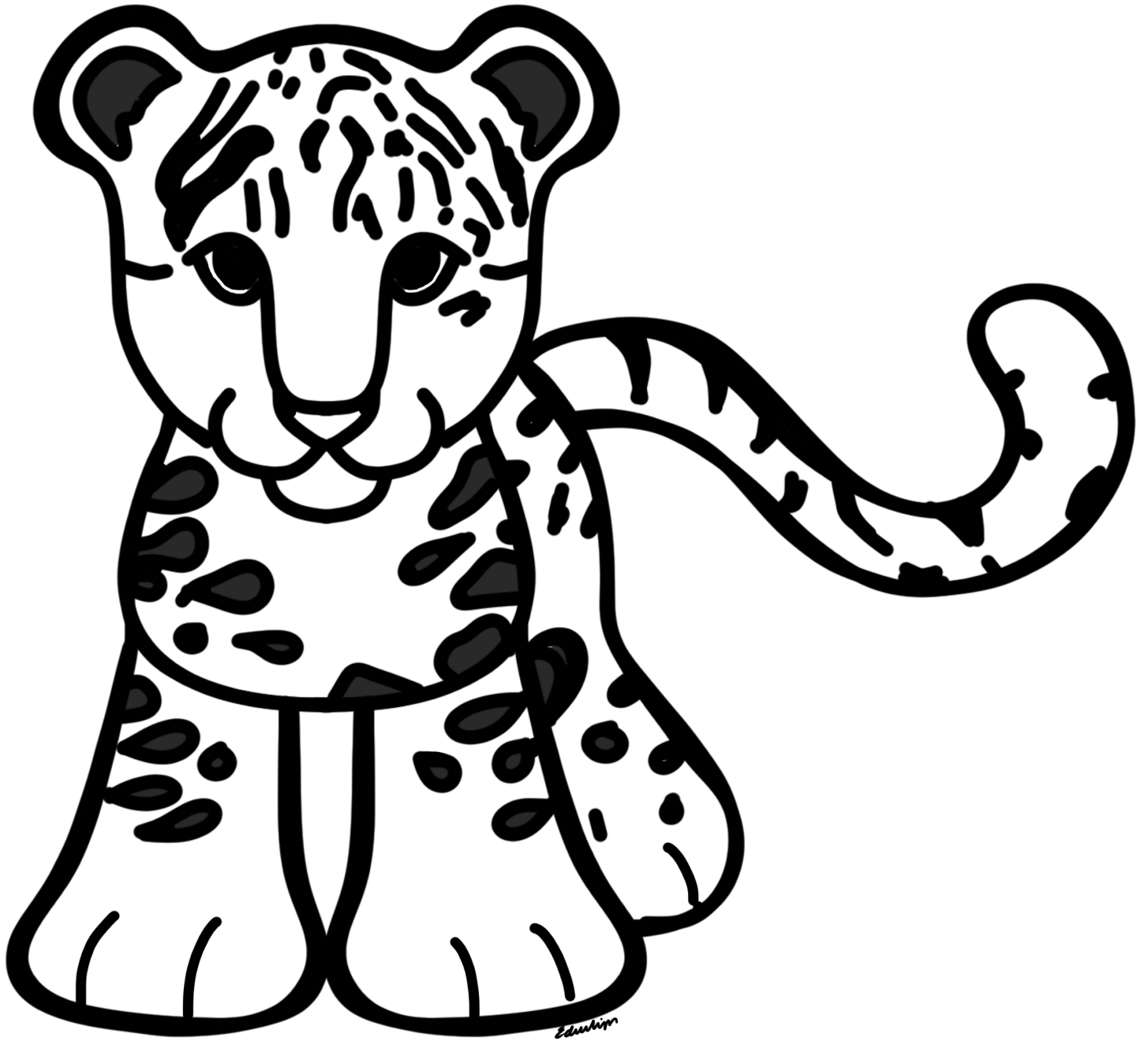
endangered because

of hunting and

because there is not

enough food in the
mountains for the
snow leopards to eat.

People are working
together to try to
stop the hunting so
there will be snow
leopards alive for a
long time.





Northern Spotted Owl

Northern spotted owls
live in the mountains in
the western part of
North America where

there are lots of old forests. You can also find them in Mexico and in the southwest. They build nests in old trees, on cliffs, and on ledges in caves.

Northern spotted owls are about 18 inches tall and weigh a little more than one pound. They are dark brown

with white spots on
the back of their
heads and down their
fronts. They have large
eyes and very good
hearing. They hunt at
night and catch their
food with their claws.
They eat small forest
animals like mice,
squirrels, and voles.

When it is time for

northern spotted owls
to be born, the mother
usually lays two eggs.
The father hunts for
food while the mother
stays with the eggs
until they hatch. The
young owls stay with
their parents for a
few months and then
can go off on their
own. The parents have
to watch the young

very carefully. There
are animals that will
hurt the young owls.

Northern spotted owls
are endangered. It is
very hard to decide
how much forest should
be used for jobs and
timber and how much
should be kept to give
the northern spotted
owl a place to live.

