



Gray Wolf

Most wolves are part  
of the gray wolf  
species. Many gray  
wolves live in cold

areas in the northern  
part of Canada and  
Europe. They do not  
like very hot places.

Wolves mainly like to  
live where there are  
not many people.

Wolves look a lot like  
dogs, but their legs  
are longer, their feet  
are bigger, and they  
have long, bushy tails.

Gray wolves have very good senses of sight, hearing, and smell.

Wolves can live for more than 13 years.

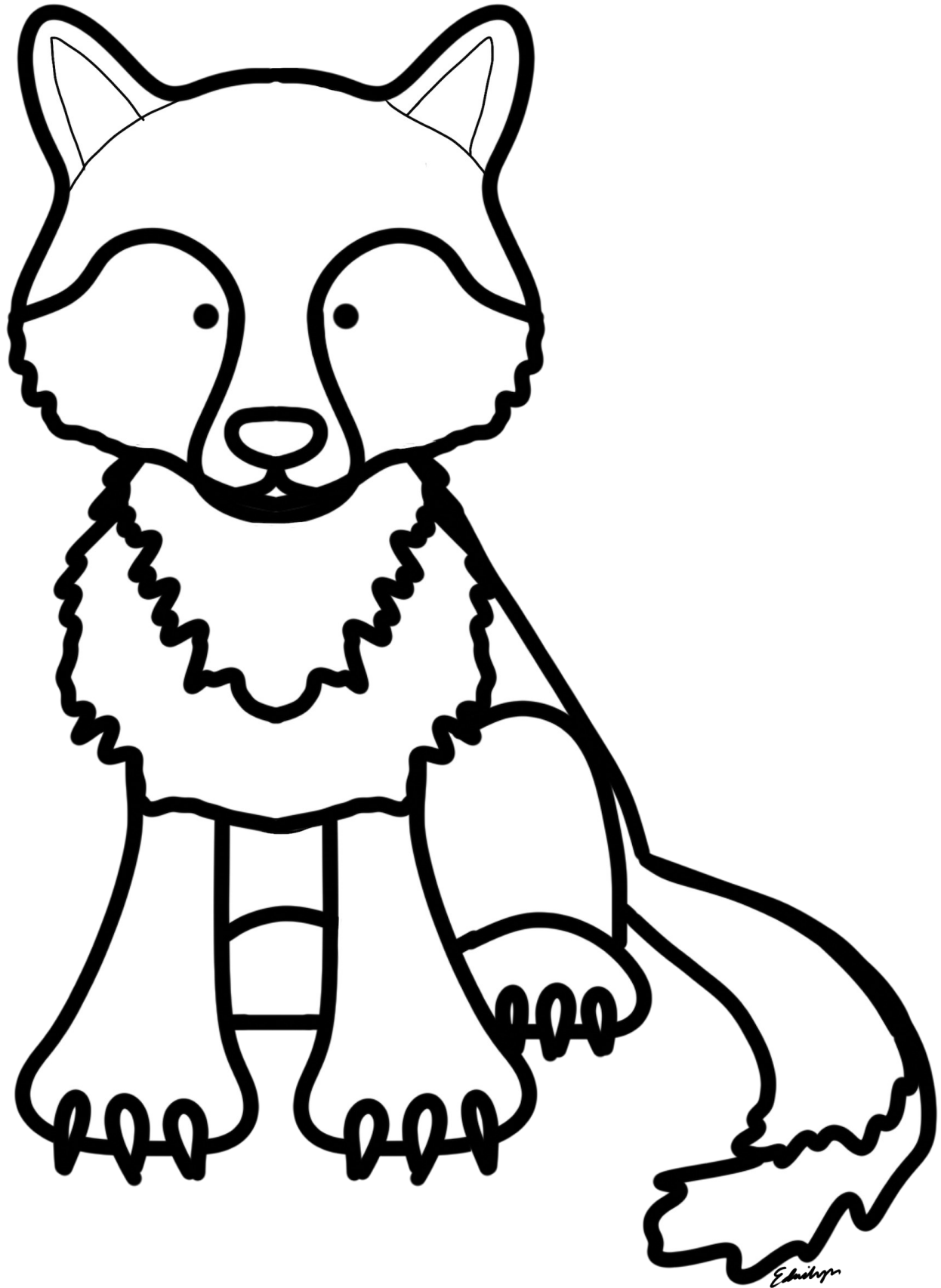
Wolves like to eat meat. Gray wolves can eat a lot at one time, but they can also go more than two weeks without eating.

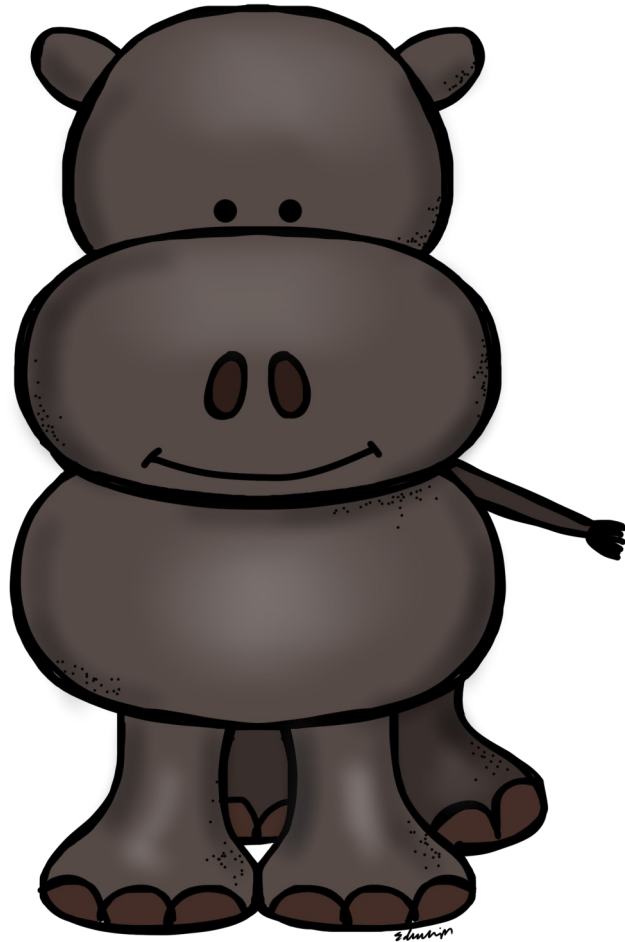
A family group of gray wolves is called a pack, and the area the pack lives in is its territory. Wolves have their babies, called pups, in a den. The den is any place that is protected from the weather. A mother can have 1 to 11 pups at a time.

The pups cannot take care of themselves right away, but before they are one year old, they are hunting with the rest of the pack.

Many people think gray wolves are bad because they kill other animals. There have been many bad

stories told about  
wolves that have  
made people want to  
kill them. Now people  
are learning wolves  
have an important  
place in life, so they  
are trying to protect  
them and give their  
numbers time to grow.





Pygmy Hippo

Pygmy hippos are  
much smaller than  
river hippos. They only  
weigh about 400-600

pounds and are  
about 5 or 6 feet  
long. A pygmy hippo's  
eyes are not on the  
top of its head like a  
river hippo's eyes.  
Their heads are  
smaller, and their  
necks are longer. They  
live near streams but  
do not spend as much  
time in the water as  
river hippos do.

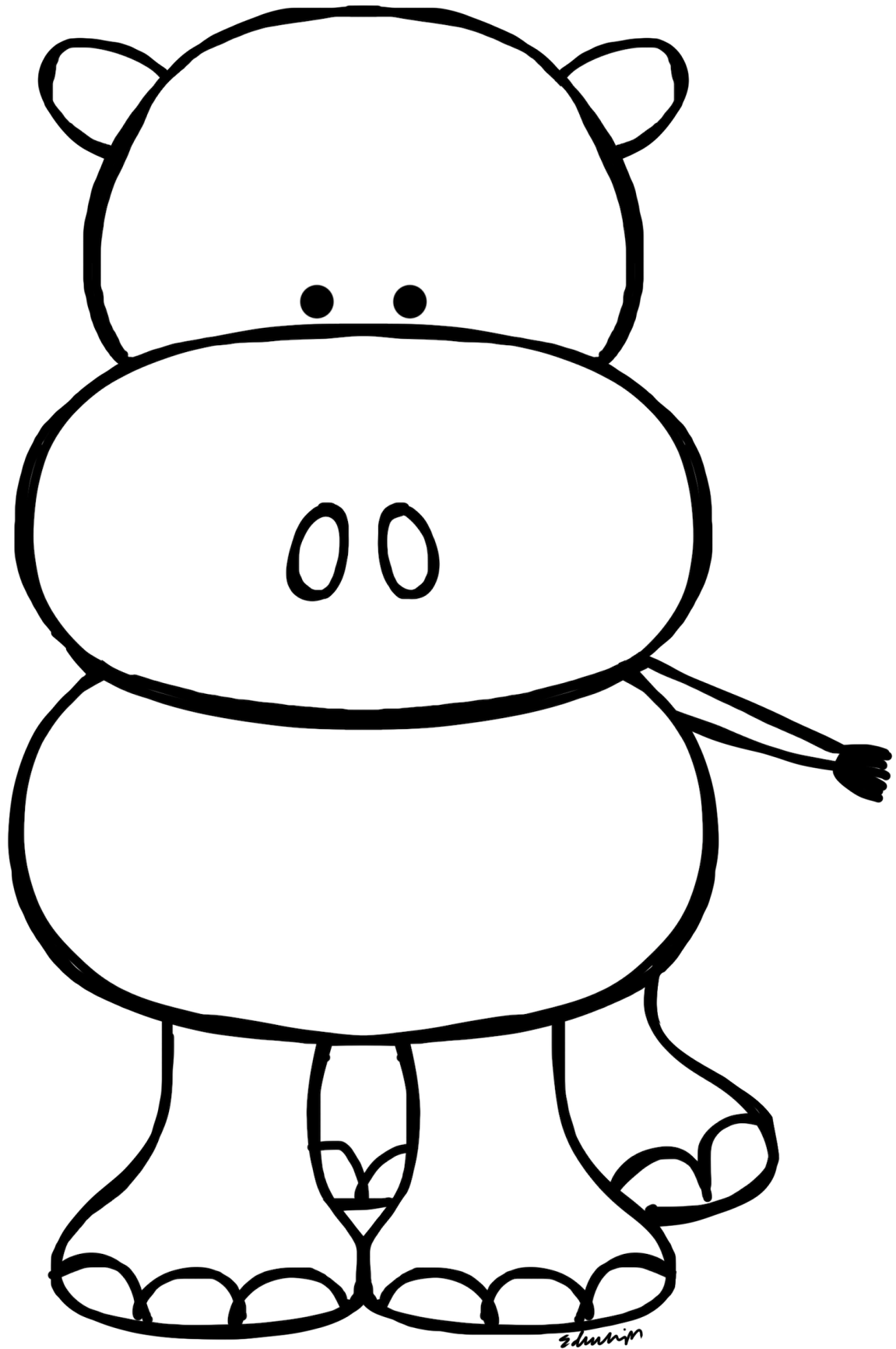
Pygmy hippos live  
mostly in Liberia, a  
country in western  
Africa. They usually  
live by themselves or  
with just one other  
hippo. They are shy  
and would rather run  
than fight. They  
mainly come out at  
night, and they like to  
eat plants like leaves,  
roots, ferns, and fruit.

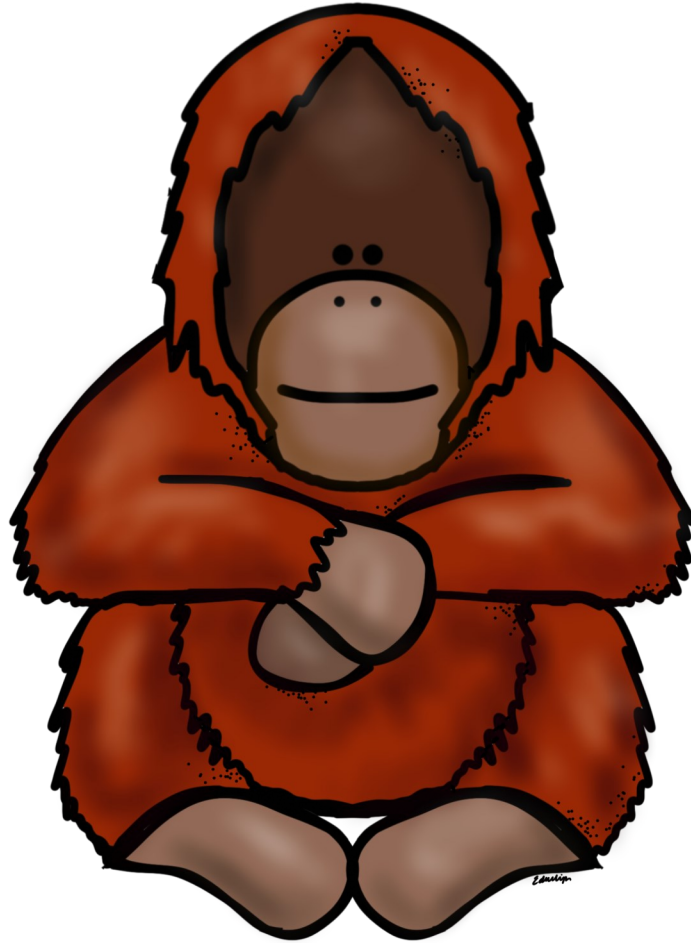
A pygmy hippo  
mother usually has  
one baby, called a  
calf, at a time. A  
calf cannot walk well  
when it is first born,  
and it looks like a big  
piggy bank. When a  
calf is 5 months old,  
it weighs about 10  
times more than it did  
when it was born.

People are not sure,

but they think pygmy  
hippos live about 30-  
50 years.

It is hard for the  
pygmy hippo to find  
places to live because  
so much of the forest  
has been cut down  
for people to have  
room to live.





Sumatran Orangutan

Orangutans are  
about 4-5 feet tall  
and weigh about 180  
pounds. They are the

Largest mammals that  
live in trees. They  
have a reddish coat.

Their arms are very  
long, and their long  
fingers and toes are  
curved to help them  
hold onto branches  
when they are in the  
trees.

Sumatran orangutans  
live on the island of

Sumatra in Indonesia.  
They like to live by  
themselves and spend  
almost all of their  
time in the trees. They  
move very slowly  
through the trees and  
build nests at night to  
sleep. Orangutans like  
to eat ripe fruit, but  
they also eat leaves,  
bark, and sometimes  
insects or meat. They

get most of their  
liquids from the fruit  
they eat, but they  
drink some water, too.

Mother orangutans  
usually have only one  
baby at a time. The  
baby stays with its  
mother for about 6  
years or more.

Orangutans live  
about 40 years.

It is very hard for  
Sumatran orangutans  
to find places to live  
because many trees  
have been cut down,  
and parts of the  
forest have been  
burned down by  
forest fires.

