



## PROGRAM GOALS

- ✦ Learn how different objects interact with a space
- ✦ Learn interesting facts about each animal

## GRADES

Pre K to 3<sup>rd</sup>

## MATERIALS

- ✦ Nature materials
- ✦ Sticks
- ✦ Rocks
- ✦ Leaves
- ✦ Petals
- ✦ Etc.

## RECOMMENDED ASSESSMENT

- ✦ Ensure the students are actively engaged with their puzzle piece

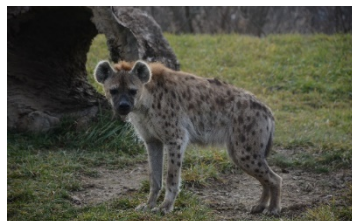
## One of the Kind Art!

Practice your students' fine motor skills as they learn about the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo animals! Students will learn about spatial awareness, which is the individual's recognition of how they or an object interacts with a space. See below for a variety of questions to engage your student even further:

- ✦ Do you know who these animals are?
- ✦ Is the animal's body smooth or rough?
- ✦ What materials can you use to resemble that texture?
- ✦ Does it have patterns on its body? What kind?
- ✦ What colors are the animals?

Take your students outside to collect nature's materials such as rocks, leaves, sticks, petals, and more. Once the students are finished collecting their materials, have them choose one animal to complete their puzzle. Please encourage students to be creative and do their best to make the pieces fit inside the animal's shape. Once students are finished with their puzzles, have them walk around the room to observe other artworks! Be on the lookout for other awesome animals around the zoo! Share your lessons with the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo. Tag #fwkidszoo or email [education@kidszoo.org](mailto:education@kidszoo.org) to express how you used these supplemental

Askari the Spotted Hyena



Zuko the Black-Footed Penguin

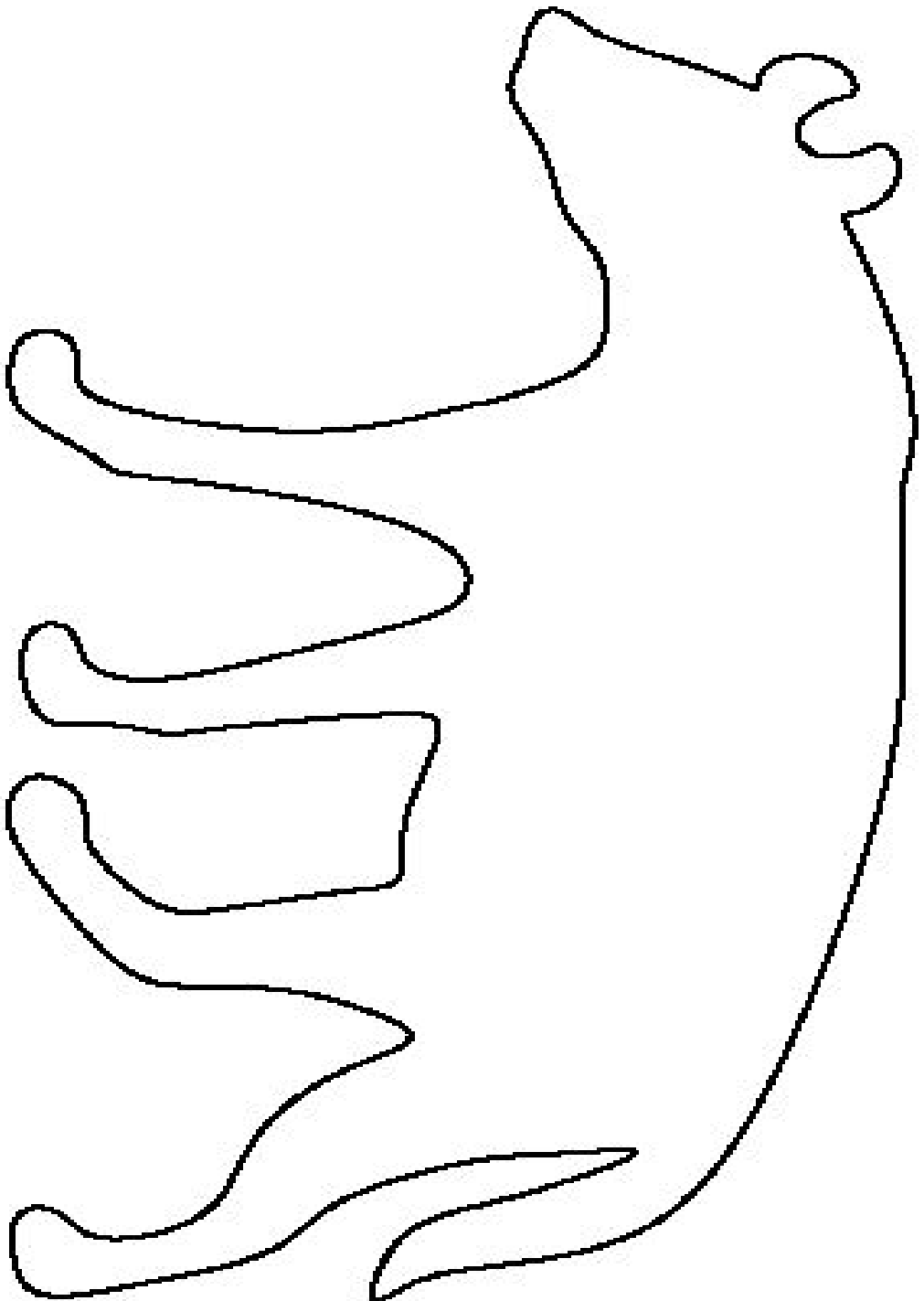


Stars the Southern Stingray



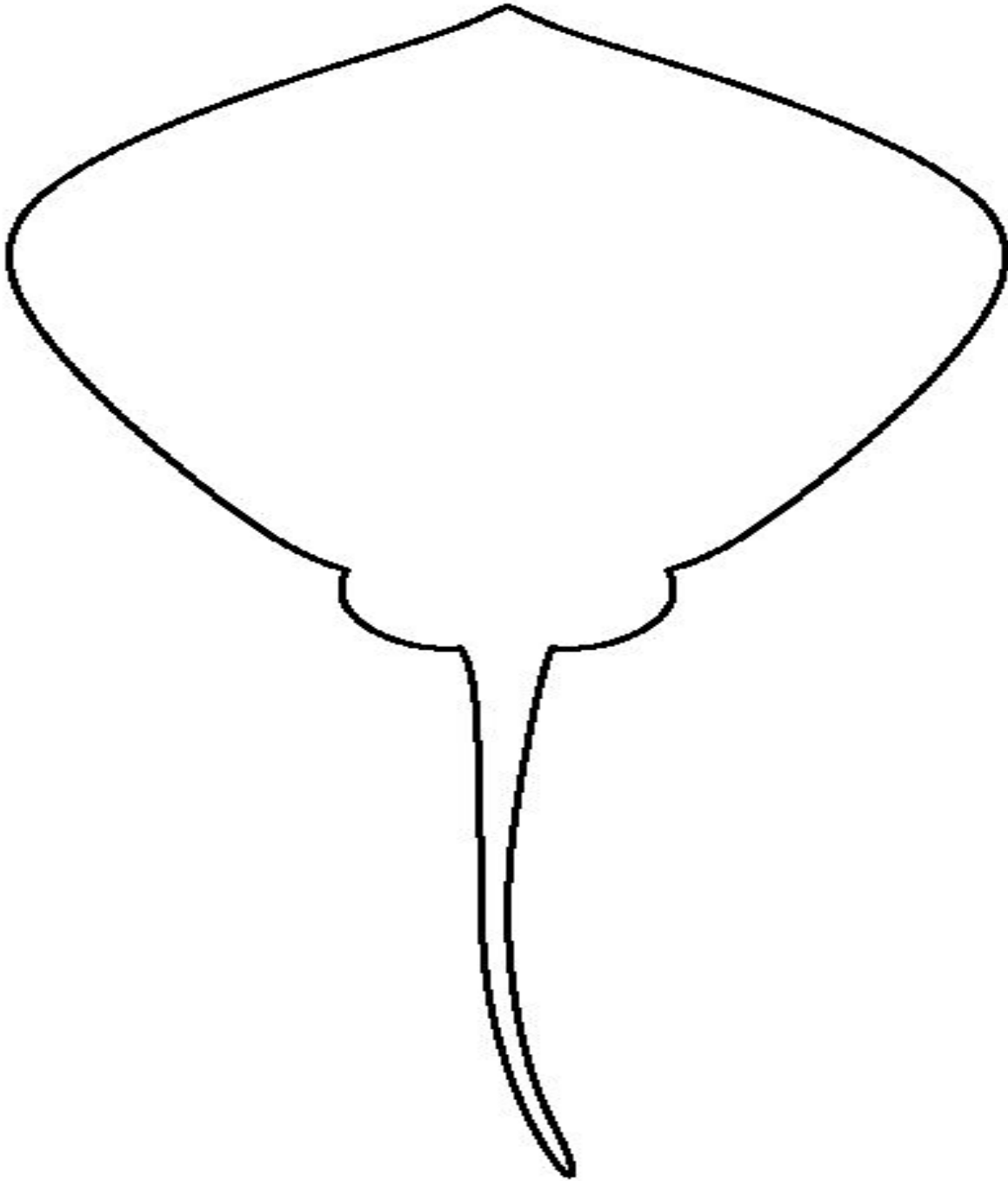
Gorgon the Komodo Dragon





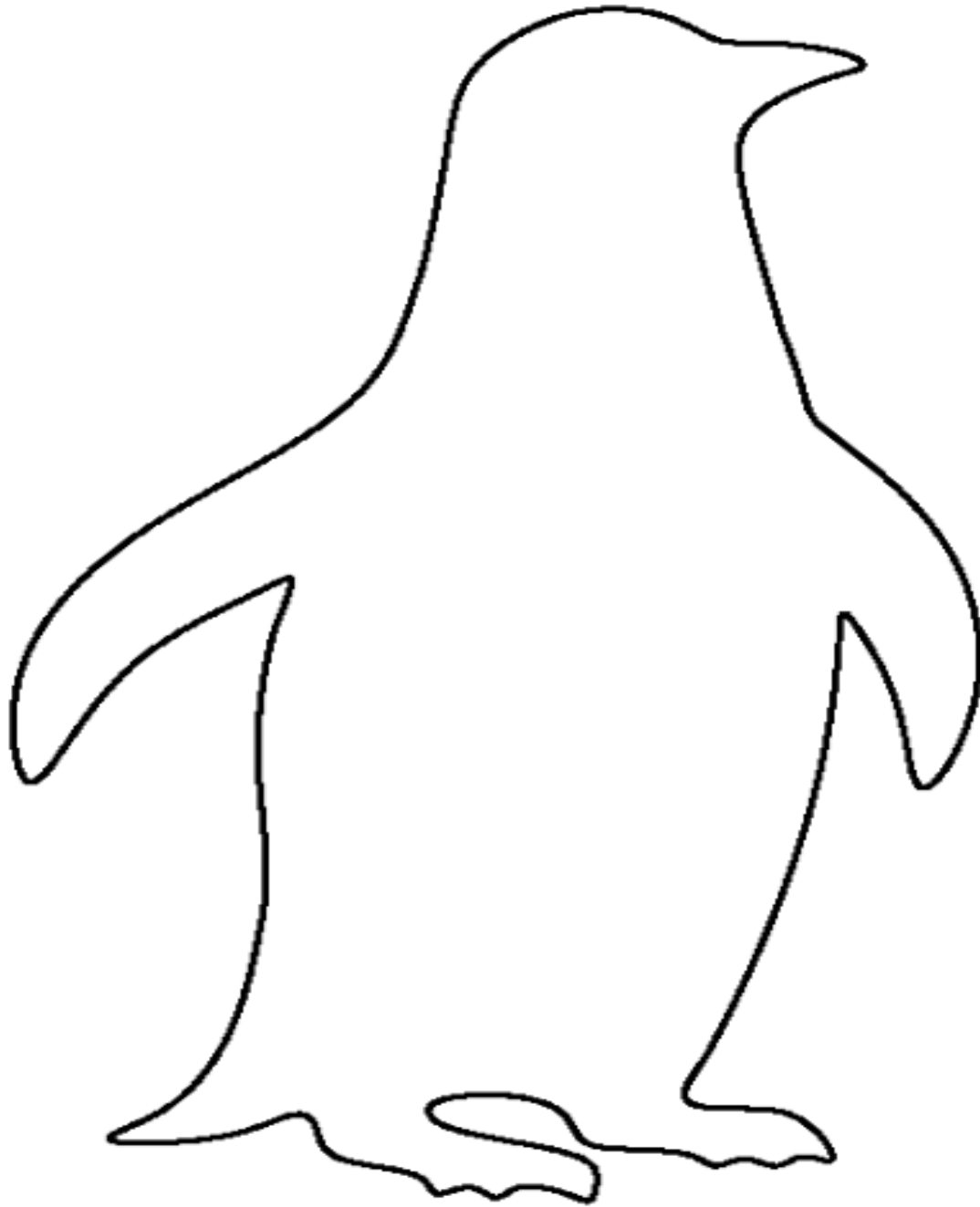
## African Journey: Spotted Hyena

**Fun Fact:** They are also known as the laughing hyenas because of their high, cackling laugh! These noisy animals only create this sound when they are being chased or attacked.



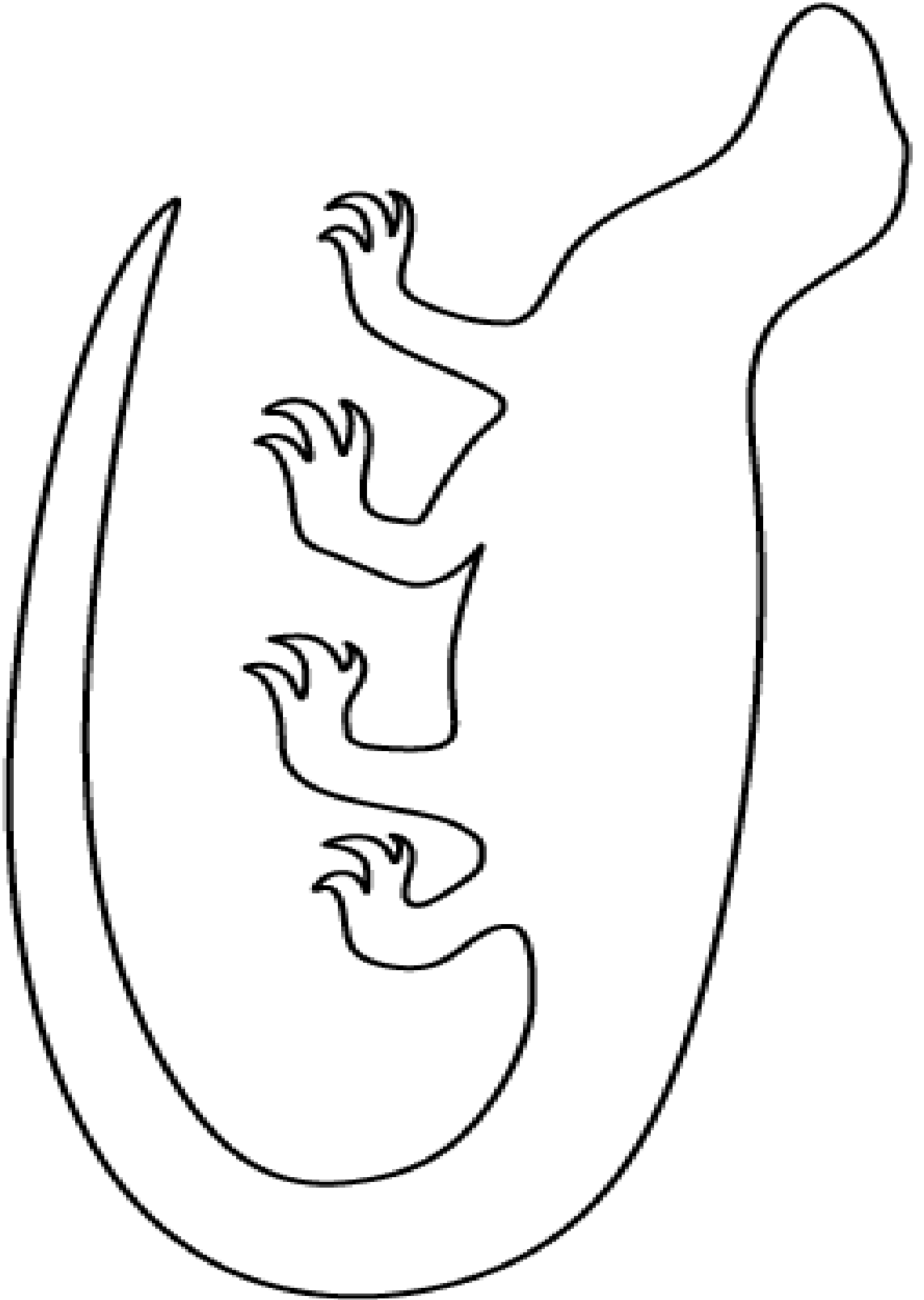
## Australian Adventure: Southern Stingray

**Fun Fact:** They can't see food on the seafloor because their eyes are on top of their heads. Instead, they smell, touch, and can even detect electric currents emitted by prey to locate their food!



### Central Zoo: African Black-Footed Penguin

**Fun Fact:** Not all penguins live in cold, icy places! These penguins live in Southern Africa, where the climate consists of warm summers and cold winters, much like Indiana's climate.



Indonesian Rainforest: Komodo Dragon

**Fun Fact:** They are the world's largest lizard species! Their deeply forked tongue is used to detect smells in their surrounding environment.