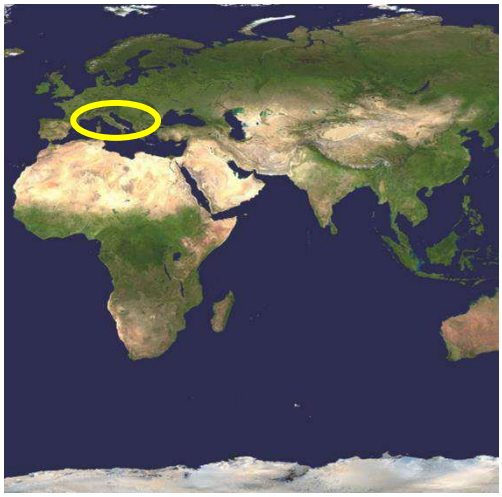
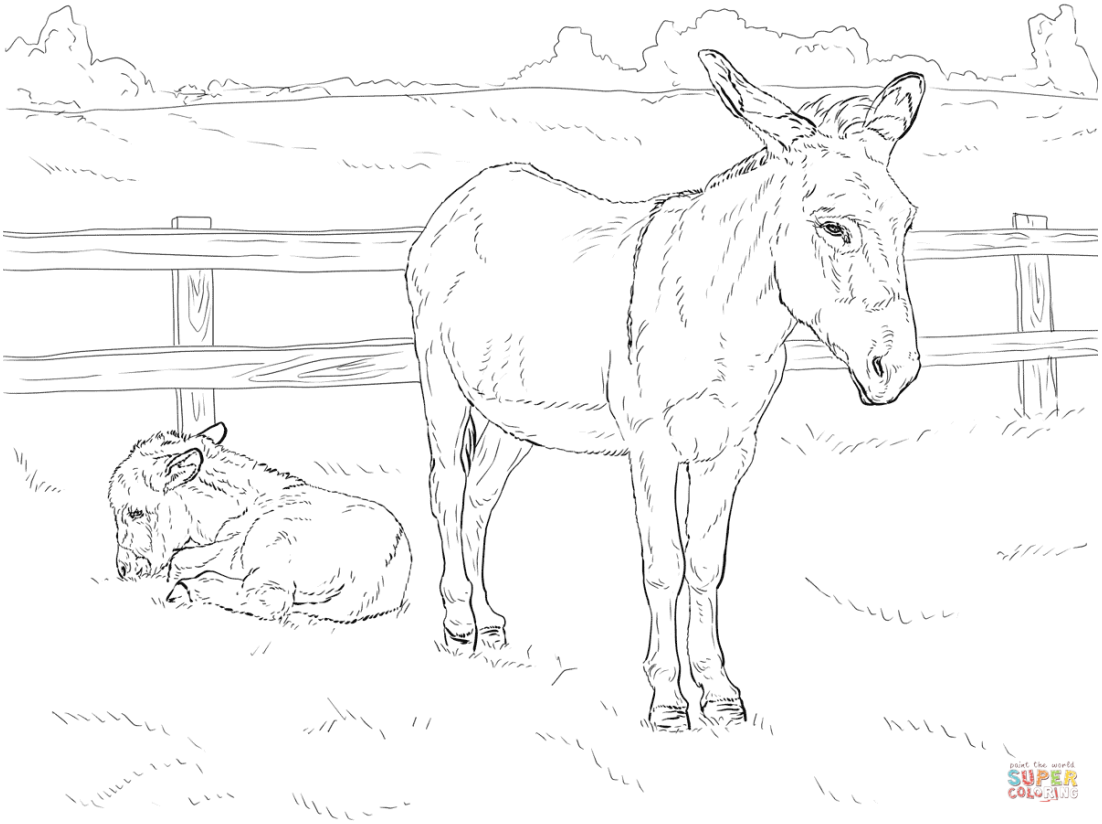
One of the zoo's newer residents include three adorable Mini Donkeys! Despite the name, Ethel, Lucy, and Phe are not a bred-down version of a larger donkey breed – their small size is natural! As a group, Donkeys have been domesticated for over 6,000 years for strength despite their size, for their milk, and for companionship to people and other domesticated animals. Their large eyes are on the side of their heads, which lets them see almost all around them, with only two small blind spots – one directly ahead and one directly behind! With their eyes in these spots, they have both monocular vision (seeing two separate images) and binocular vision (see one thing with both eyes like us).



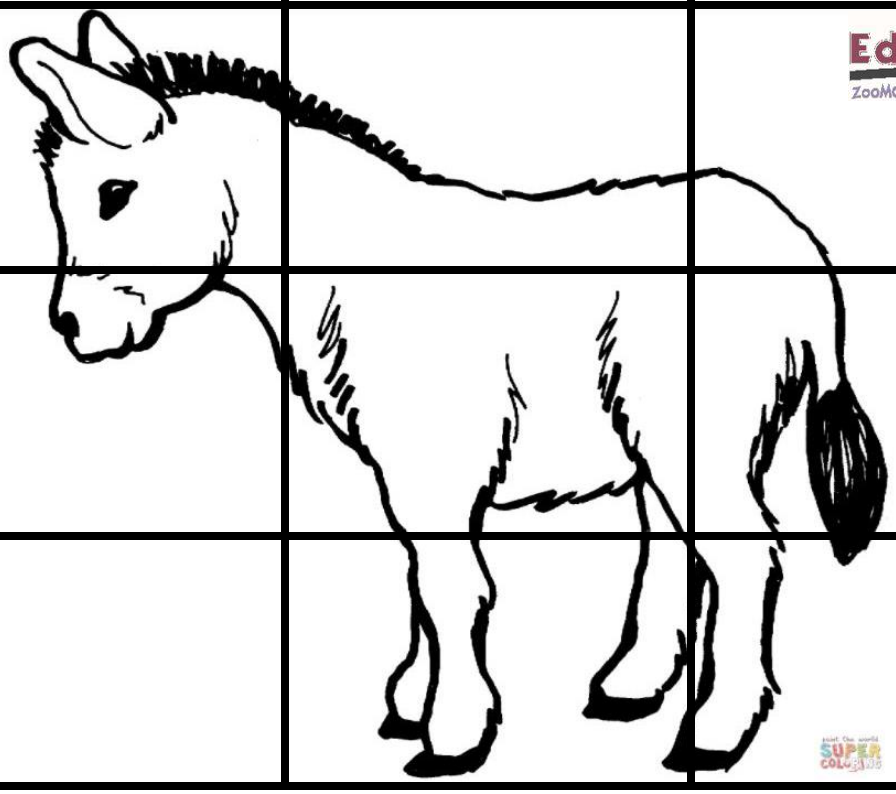
Mini Donkeys, like many other equids (horses and their relatives), are herbivorous animals, so they eat plants! Here at the zoo, they eat different types of hay, with occasional treats specially made by their keepers. They were domesticated in arid, dry areas with tough plants, so they have adaptations to help them find their food while also looking out for predators:

- Their teeth are very strong & continue to grow throughout their lives, because they get worn down by the tough plants they eat.
- Their huge ears can move independently of each other, allowing them to swivel and listen for predators. They also have many blood vessels, which helps cool them off on hot days.
- They have a strong sense of smell as well as being sensitive to touch; they often communicate in their herds by touching each other's noses or legs!

Mini Donkeys are typically grey or brown, with stripes or spots – can you color in this Donkey and her foal?



While Ethel and Lucy were born on a farm in 2014 & came to ZooMontana in 2020, Phe was born to Ethel right here at the Zoo in 2020!

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Mini Donkeys are so cute and rather affectionate animals – do you want to try to draw one?
Use the guide above to draw your own donkey below, and then color them!
You can make them the same or as different as you please, just don't forget to draw their food!

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