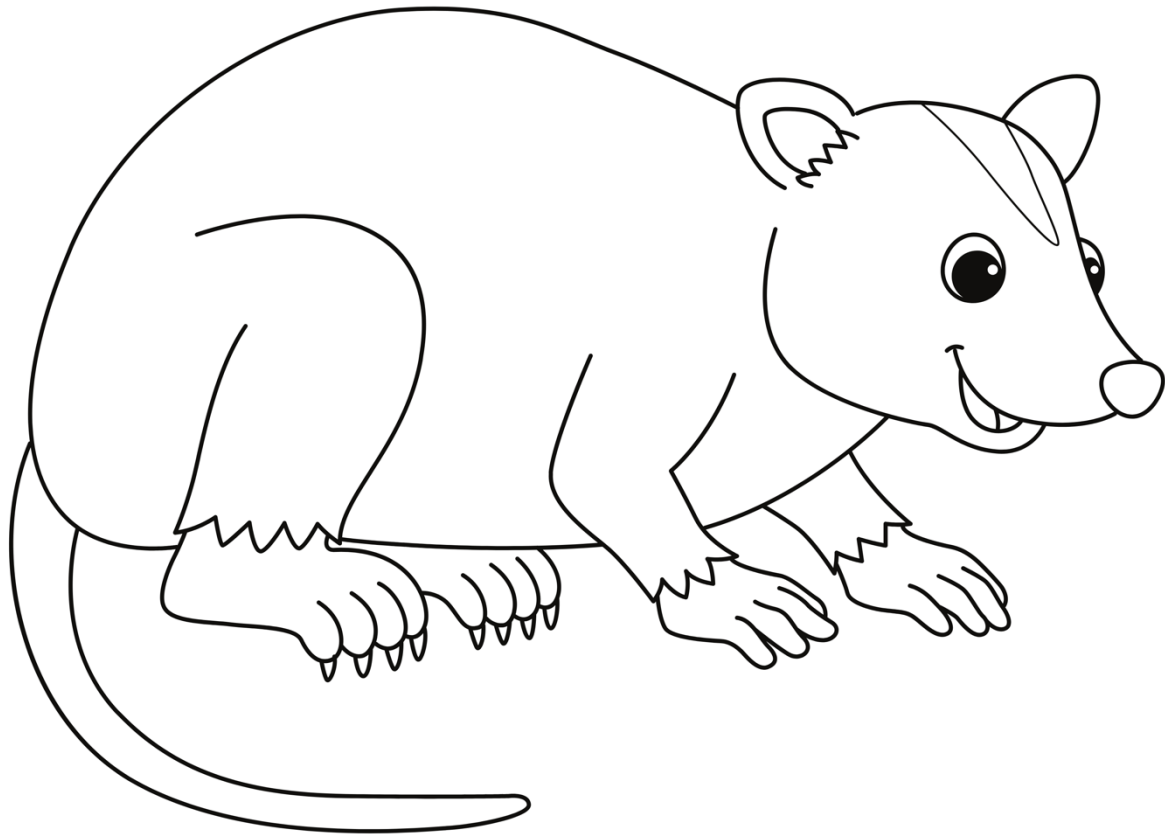


# Opossum



The opossum, an omnivorous and nocturnal marsupial, is native to South America but has made its mark in animal research. *Monodelphis domestica*, also known as the gray short-tailed opossum, is the only mammal other than humans that develops melanoma in response to ultraviolet radiation alone, allowing researchers to dig into why this happens and how to prevent it.

