



## De Bestiarum Naturis 704 – The Inverse Neotenic



*The survival strategy of this quadruped  
consists in displaying – even when still –  
evident neotenic traits.*

*In this way, large moist eyes,  
short legs, still somewhat unsteady,  
a disproportionately round head,  
an open, wondering intelligence,  
and a desire to play and to juggle with words  
will enchant females of other species,  
drawing them close.*

*Since, however, the neoteny of this beast  
is only a crafty mimicry  
of that of certain harmless higher animals,  
it will devour the unwary females  
almost without having to fight.  
immature and not very agile build  
rounded, squat body  
a body that gathers no shadows  
and shows no musculature  
small, short limbs  
short fingers without claws  
large, frightened eyes  
periocular shading  
under-eye coloration  
non-aggressive eyebrows  
large, lowered ears  
a mouth drawn as if crying  
fur without markings and short-haired  
absence of whiskers  
smooth facial skin  
short, pom-pom tail  
belly resting on the ground*

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Drawing

India ink, white acrylic, paper and graphite on paper

cm 24.0 × 15.6

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