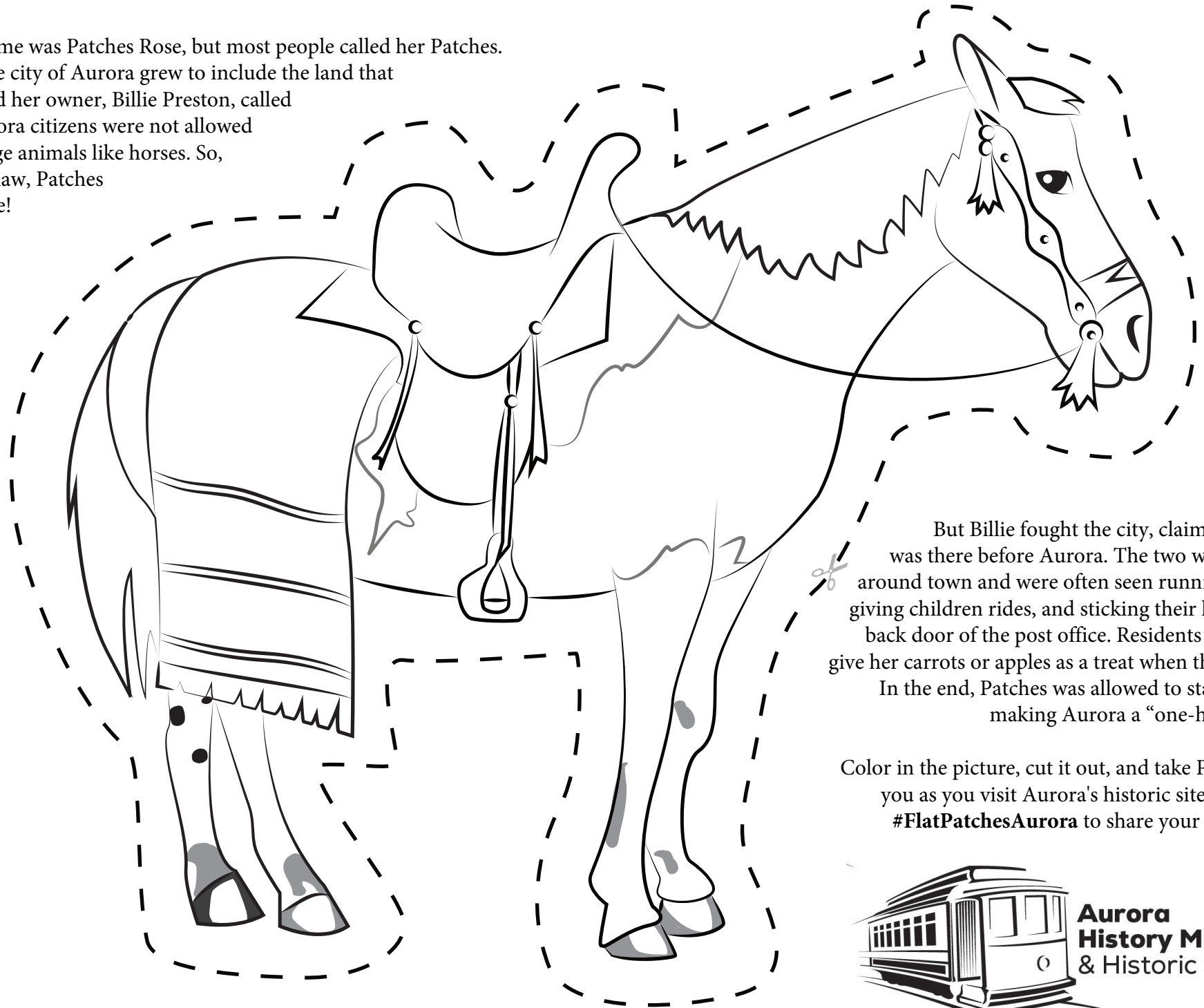


Meet Patches!

Her full name was Patches Rose, but most people called her Patches. In 1957, the city of Aurora grew to include the land that Patches and her owner, Billie Preston, called home. Aurora citizens were not allowed to keep large animals like horses. So, under city law, Patches had to leave!



But Billie fought the city, claiming Patches was there before Aurora. The two were popular around town and were often seen running errands, giving children rides, and sticking their heads in the back door of the post office. Residents would even give her carrots or apples as a treat when they saw her. In the end, Patches was allowed to stay, officially making Aurora a “one-horse town.”

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