

These are sayings and idioms that involve animals, except the animal is replaced by a drawing of another animal:

The ELEPHANT in the room

(GECKO)

Brave as a LION

(ANT)

Let the CAT out of the bag

(GIRAFFE)

YAK-shaving

(JELLYFISH)

Blind as a BAT

(IGUANA)

The ALBATROSS around one's neck

(DEER)

Busy as a BEE

(OTTER)

To WEASEL out of something

(COW)

Like a FISH out of water

(CHAMELEON)

Quitting cold TURKEY

(FLY)

The animal in the image and the animal of the idiom have exactly one letter in common. This gives:

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Which spells NARY, the answer.