

prevent it from growing as fast as the other puppies of the same litter: she is now two years old, and has been long at her full growth.

This animal is much like a wolf dog, but longer; her hair is long, rough, and brown; her tail like a fox, not only in the shape but in the manner in which she carries it. Some persons think that the dam has been visited by a fox, but all naturalists know the marked antipathy between the dog and a fox, and the useless attempts made by M. de Buffon to bring them to produce together.

This animal is very fond, and will follow any one on her two hinder paws, which, as she walks, are far asunder, and the claws very open. If she wants to go fast, she makes use of the lower part of her neck, to support the lower part of her body, then, by leaping and springing forward, she gets on pretty quick: but this method of going seems to fatigue her very

much, and every time her neck touches the ground, it seems to affect her respiration; and to keep her head and mouth from striking, she is obliged to have the muscles of her neck always contracted, in order to keep her head up.

On hearing any noise, she keeps herself in an erect position for a considerable time. If she wants to go up stairs, she leaps from step to step, supporting her fore parts by the lower part of her neck, and readily gets up; but has no means of getting down. It is not easy, by feeling, to learn the conformation of the bones of this animal; yet, when she sits up, as some dogs are taught to do, a sensible motion may be perceived under the skin, at the place from whence the fore legs should naturally proceed; but this probably may arise from a motion of the muscles. In 1789, she littered, and had six puppies, but none of them participated of the mother's defect.

[In our last Number we presented our Readers with a Sketch of the Life of the late JOHN ELWES, Esq; from the Edinburgh Magazine.—By the Packet we have received the Literary Magazine, which contains a more particular Account of that singular Personage, and as it is but seldom that such extraordinary Characters appear in the World, we doubt not but a Re-publication of this lengthy Narrative will be acceptable to our Readers, altho' the Sketch we published last Month is blended with it.]

## LIFE OF JOHN ELWES, ESQ.

OF all the passions, which pervert human nature none seems to be more extraordinary than that of avarice, which is often found implanted in the bosoms of those who wallow in affluence, and who consequently might enjoy every happiness and comfort that this world can afford, did they know how to use the blessings which Heaven has bestowed upon them. Such, indeed, is the strange fatality of mankind that we frequently find people possessed of princely fortunes denying themselves the most innocent gratifications, and even the necessities of life, in order that they may amass riches, which will, perhaps, be profusely squandered away after their death, by ungrateful and extravagant heirs. Instances of this violent attachment to money, frequently occur: the life of the late John Elwes, Esq; affords a striking one, and may serve, in

some measure, to confirm the truth of the above observations.

The father of Mr. Elwes was an eminent brewer in Southwark, which was formerly represented in parliament by his grandfather. As Mr. Meggor\*, died when his son was only four years of age, little of his character can be attributed to him: it may, however, be traced from his mother; for we are told that, though she was left nearly one hundred thousand pounds by her husband, she absolutely starved herself to death.

When very young, Mr. Elwes was sent to Westminster school, where he continued about ten or twelve years. What progress he made at that seminary we know not; but it is certain that after he left it, no part of his time was ever devoted to reading, and when he died, if all the books he had in his possession had been collected together

\* Meggor was originally the family name, which the late Mr. Elwes changed, in consequence of his becoming heir to his uncle Sir Harvey Elwes.