

here the gestation is the same; and in other species, as the ox, though the time of gestation be long, that of the duration of life is very short; whence it follows that we ought not to calculate the duration of life by the time of gestation, but by that which Nature has required for perfecting the growth, reckoning from the birth to the almost entire expansion of the body.

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THE ROE-BUCK.\*

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THE stag, as being the noblest inhabitant of the wood, occupies the most secret shades of the forest, and the elevated parts of mountains, where the spreading branches form a lofty covert; while the roe-deer, as if an inferior species, contents himself with a more lowly residence, and is seldom found but among the thick foliage of young trees. But if he is  
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\* In French *chevreuil*; in Greek *δορκας*; in Latin *capreolus*, *capriolus*; in Italian *capriolo*; in Spanish *zorlito*; in Portuguese *cabra montes*; in German *rehe*; in Swedish *radiur*; in Danish *ræ diur*.