

tame that they would go out to fish and bring the prey home to their masters ; nay that they would even follow men and dogs, go with them into their boats, jump into the water, and soon come up again with fish. And M. Gmelin affirms that he saw a beaver in Siberia, which had been reared in the house, who would go to considerable distance, and sometimes returning with a female whom he would suffer to go away by herself after the season of love.

THE RACCOON.

SEVERAL authors have described this animal under the name of *coati*, yet I have chosen to adopt the name given to it in England, that it may not be mistaken for, and confounded with, the real *coati*, or the *coati-mondi*, which appears to be nothing more than a variety of that species.

I had a raccoon (*fig. 95.*) alive, and which I kept more than twelve months ; he was about the size of a small badger, his body short
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