

with white, black, and yellow. His deformity is singular but not disagreeable. His back is arched, and his neck so exceedingly short, that the head seems to shoot immediately out of the shoulders; in his own country he is called *michuacanens*, from the name of his country. The third, which also resembles our little dogs, is called *techichi*, but his look is dull and savage. The Americans eat his flesh."

From comparing the testimonies of Fabri and Fernandes, it is clear that the second dog the last author calls *michuacanens*, is the same as the *ytzcuinte portzotli*, and that this species of animal existed in America before the arrival of the Europeans; and it must have been the same with the *techichi*. I am therefore persuaded that this word *alco* was a generic name, which equally applied to both, and perhaps to more races or varieties which still remain unknown to us. But with respect to the first, Fernandes seems to be deceived both with regard to the name and subject. No author has spoken of any naked dogs in New Spain. This race, commonly called *Turkish dogs*, comes from the Indies, and other warm climates of the Old Continent; and it is probable that those which Fernandes saw in America, were transported thither, especially as he expressly mentions that