

# ELECTRIC FENCING – EASY WHEN YOU KNOW HOW!

Usure about using electric fencing for grazing? **Meriel Younger** explains it's easier than you think.



**E**lectric fencing is extremely useful for temporary and/or permanent fencing for horses.

Before you start building your fence ask yourself a few important questions.

- Will it be close to a mains electric supply, or in a more remote location, requiring an alternative power supply such as battery or solar?
- How long will the fence be?
- What type of fencing is best?
- Will it be temporary or permanent - will it be movable or fixed?

Once these questions have been answered it is possible to work out which energiser you require and a kit is built around it.

For example - if the set-up is to be temporary – maybe for strip grazing a horse at risk of laminitis- a battery operated 100m kit could be used. This would include a small d-cell battery energiser, earth stake, a battery, plastic posts, two lines of tape, some insulators for the end and intermediate posts and a fence tester. This kit will provide the basics and allow you to control grazing fairly easily.

If the set-up is to be more permanent - perhaps to prevent cribbing along the top of a wooden stock fence – you could opt for a solar operated kit. This could include: a solar powered energiser, earth stake, battery, screw in stand-off insulators, corner insulators, rope or wire, gate kits and a fence tester.

It is fools economy to buy cheap electric fencing – you get what you pay for and the kit just won't last. In a competitive market there are always deals to be had so look around and make sure you always compare like for like.

Meriel will be solving our readers electric fencing dilemmas and answering some common questions in the Spring edition of Love Horses Magazine.

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