

Types of Fencing

Nine-Gauge Chain Link Fencing:

Nine-gauge chain link fencing is by far the best way that a responsible owner can provide protection and security for the family pet(s). Such fencing is almost indestructible, yet it allows the family pet(s) the freedom to romp and to exercise, as well as the opportunity to enjoy the sites of nature and the environment. The size of the dog will help the responsible owner decide upon the appropriate height of the fence. Six-foot fencing is highly advisable for the GSD(s). Although this type of fencing is the most secure, the responsible owner should also ensure that his pet(s) cannot push through the fence, dig under it or jump it.

Privacy Fencing:

Privacy fencing would be the second-best alternative. Although it is not as secure as the previously mentioned fencing, it may be more of a deterrent to a dog who is prone to nuisance barking or one that is constantly running the fence because of neighbors' pets or other distractions. Most privacy fencing, however, is wood and thereby is prone to need replacement because of age, climatic conditions, and possible chewing.

Split Rail or PVC Fencing:

Either split rail or PVC fencing may be preferred by rural families because of aesthetics. While these types of fencing lend to rustic beauty, in themselves, they provide no protection or security for the family pet. Additional fencing, such as wire fencing, should be used in conjunction with them. Otherwise, our canine friends could easily slip in between or under the slats. The use of the additional wire mesh fencing, which is NOT entirely chew proof, may or may not be as attractive as hoped.

Invisible Fencing:

Without a doubt, the invisible type of fencing aka 'underground fencing' is the LEAST desirable. People feel that this type of fencing provides security for their pet(s), but that is VERY FAR from the truth. First of all, such fencing depends upon an electrical source that can fail. Secondly, the underground wire can easily be broken - more so in harsher climates - thereby making the fence worthless. Thirdly, the only thing that this type of fence can do is to keep the dog(s) within the perimeter that is set up by the owner. Any creature or predator can cross the fence from the outside, thereby maiming or even killing the pet(s) inside the yard. The contained pet can also be easily exposed to sick animals and perhaps even rabid animals and the contained pet can also be easily stolen. The possibilities of such endangerments are endless. Lastly, a pet with high prey drive will go through this type of fencing - whether the fence be in working condition or not - to pursue prey.