



There are many brands of underground perimeter fence that you can purchase, and by no means are they all mentioned here. But, a few examples are the Innoteck Brand that is sold through LL Bean. Add on components can be installed at a later date if you discover that you want to keep the dogs out of flower beds, out of sections of the house, etc. RadioPet has a nice built in charger for the receivers; there are no batteries to buy. Invisible Fence Brand will install your underground fence for you, so there are no hassles with installation. Home Depot sells Radio Fence Brand. You can purchase many, many different brands on the Internet; dog supply catalogues and pet supply stores. Some are even wireless systems. Some, if not most have battery back up systems and an audible alarm if there is a break in the system. There are many brands out there to choose from, the choice is yours.

There is typically a loop wire that is buried a few inches underground and carries a harmless radio signal. The signals are usually coded, so that it does not interfere with your neighbor's system or vice versa. A radio transmitter is usually installed near an electrical outlet where it can be attached to the wire loop. A collar containing a receiver is worn around your dog's neck. This receiver works with the transmitter and emits warning beeps or vibrations as your dog approaches the boundary. If your dog lingers or gets too close to the boundary, a harmless correction is given, which startles your dog, but does not injure him. This is to prevent him from leaving the contained area after training.

When I went to adopt my first Treeing Walker Hound, I was told that there was no way I would be able to keep my hounds in the yard with a perimeter, underground fence. I'm here to tell you that it is all in the training and consistency, no matter what brand you purchase.

I have successfully trained to the perimeter fence our 2 Treeing Walker Hounds and a Brittany Spaniel/Hound mix. We have also successfully trained foster dogs that have come to live with us while waiting for their forever families.



Below is a very general training guide for those who want to know the general idea of how to train a dog to a perimeter fence, your brand will have the training instructions and specifics needed for your particular fence.

You can install or have installed any perimeter fence that you would like, but.....**PROPER TRAINING IS ENTIRELY YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!**

For just an example: I spend an average of up to one month training each dog. It is imperative that proper time is dedicated to training the dog to the boundary. The first week, using an extended flexible recoil leash, I introduce the dog to the flags, and teach “no” to the flags, pulling away and always towards the house. The second week the dog is allowed to hear the beeping or feel vibration (depending on brand) and immediately recalled as soon as they hear/feel this. I pull/encourage them back to the house as fast as we can run together. The third week is spent reinforcing the line and pulling them back, if they test the boundary, while still attached to a flexi leash. They are *never* allowed to cross over the boundary, which is marked with flags. (The flags are where the dog hears the beep, not at the wire line) I do the training 3 to 4 times a day for only about 8 to 10 minutes. During the fourth week, I allow the dog to be extended out as far as possible on the recoil leash to see if they test the boundary. Allow them to receive a correction, it is important to call them and pull them back to the house, so they get the idea that this is the direction they should be running towards for safety, and not away from the house.

It is a lot of work, but it is worth it because it could save your dogs life. At the end of the fourth week, I test them with throwing favorite toys or in my case, go out when the neighbors’ cat is just over the line. With the dog on the flexi leash, you still have control, but are able to pull them back if they don't respect the boundary. You can also see if they return, which they should after a month of training, once they hear the beeping. All of the perimeter fences come with detailed instructions. My instructions are just a general over-view.

If you have longhaired dogs, you **MUST** trim the hair at the contact area, and keep it trimmed!



It is *your* responsibility to test the collars monthly, to replace batteries if they have them and test the integrity of the system. If you don't do this, it is negligence on your part, and could be a deadly mistake. Once they learn the boundaries, most dogs won't challenge it, but they do learn quickly and if they have a dead battery, they will push the limits. You may see them creep up to the line once they have made this discovery, or you may lose your pet forever in an instant.

Perimeter fences offer *zero* protection from other animals or people entering into your dog's space or your yard.

If you must take the dog across the perimeter, you must remove the collar and take them by car, or remove the collar and carry them over the line so that they are not confused or frightened about the sudden change in rules. If there is a door, gate or threshold that is not normally used, you may choose to use that instead as a pass through. Don't forget to take that collar off!

The entire family needs to have an understanding of how this concept works. If one person is training or is allowing behavior different from another family member, it will only delay training and be confusing for your pet.

Please do not leave your dogs outside while you are not at home. As mentioned before, the perimeter fence does not keep unwanted people or animals away from your dog, and if you are not home, you cannot hear any alarms relating to the perimeter fence, nor can you help your dog in an emergency.

Dogs that are *not* chained, tied or cabled are more balanced dogs! Please visit The Humane Society of the United States for more information.

<http://www.hsus.org/ace/11865>

Perimeter fencing is an alternative to privacy or chain-link fencing, and allows your dog to truly be a part of your family. Isn't that why you adopted a dog in the first place?



I hope this answers some questions that you might have had about perimeter fences. It is by no means intended to take the place of your manufacturers directions, but to help you understand how the system might work for you and your canine.

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