

# Electric fences are not humane, not safe, and by no stretch of the imagination a reliable barrier.

Often people selling shock collars & shock fences leave customers full of misleading, but more importantly, gross omissions about their dangers. After reviewing studies and consulting with animal behaviorists we found 'protection' & 'safe' are words used to describe a product riddled with physical and psychological side effects. The claim of a "stress-free environment" ignores the fact that the shocks delivered by the collars are not just a 'tap' or 'tingle' but painful and scary. Shocked cats and dogs are stressed cats and dogs. Electric shocks, even a single shock, can induce confusion, fear, panic, anxiety and depression. Pain tolerance is different for every species, breed and individual due to, temperament, fur thickness, age, health etc. Cats are particularly vulnerable due to their thin skin. Shock levels are determined via a crude system of trial & error and NO-ONE, not even a certified behaviorist can accurately determine how much anxiety and pain a dog is feeling and certainly not a fence salesman. Another risk is the possibility of receiving a collar that is of poor quality, defective or malfunctions resulting in severe burns & infection.

An animal often associates the shock with whomever or whatever he is focused on at the time it is delivered, potentially projecting the blame for the pain on a friendly passerby. This results in misplaced fear and phobias that bring with them all sorts of behavioral issues. Studies show even passive dogs are more predisposed to aggression after exposure to shocks.

Any cat or dog motivated enough will run across the boundary line, through the pain and escape. Left to wander, they can be lost, stolen, picked up by animal control or spend the day dodging traffic, hopefully successfully. Unwelcomed guests, thieves, badly behaved children or aggressive animals of all species can enter your yard unhindered to steal, torment or attack your pet.

Electric shock is a barbaric way to control animals and that's why enlightened countries have banned them. If they were safe and humane children in backyards everywhere would be equipped with collars. Extensive studies, prominent animal behaviorists, The Kennel Club UK, SPCA's, Humane Societies, World Animal Protection along with many other world renowned organizations agree that shock fences are not humane, not safe, and by no stretch of the imagination a reliable barrier. Your pets deserve better. Build a real fence.



Invisible Fence collar burns - photo shared by DITR vet tech student in Spokane. ☹️Device malfunctioned. This dog was suffering for days before his owners noticed. Photo and text credit: [www.diamondintheruff.com](http://www.diamondintheruff.com)

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