



OPERATION

**Gallop**

## **ELECTRIC FENCE EQUIPMENT**

**Electric Fence Equipment can be a key piece of equipment, especially if you have a horse that has to have limited grazing.**

**There are many types available, including how they are powered, and the type of fencing used.**

**Sadly, they are pieces of equipment that are commonly stolen due to their size and vulnerability; however, there are measures that you can take.**

- Take a photograph of your unit and keep a record of the make, model and serial number. This will greatly assist the Police if your unit is stolen.
- Mark your energiser in some way using permanent marker pen, waterproof paint or forensic solution. You can also mark the battery and fence posts. This acts as a deterrent, makes it hard to sell on and easily identifiable to the owner.
- Attach your energiser securely to a sturdy fixed point. Most stolen units are just pulled out of the ground or hooked onto a fence or post. Make it as hard as possible for the thief to remove the energiser; if they have to damage the unit to steal it, it will not be worth taking.
- Small tracker units can be fixed to the energiser to trace its location if stolen.
- If possible hide or camouflage your energiser behind a fence or tree, in a hedge or with under growth.
- If you have a light showing the power is on, cover this with tape as it makes the unit easily identifiable in the dark. If your energiser is battery operated or solar powered, the same precautions should be taken as batteries and solar panels are expensive to replace and vulnerable to theft.
- The police believe stolen energisers are being sold on as second hand with no instructions or packaging. If you are aware of items like this being available and you do not believe the reason given for them being missing is correct, please notify the Police.
- Please report all thefts to the police. If there is a problem in your area action cannot be taken by the police if they do not know the details. Please report everything, whether it is a theft or a suspicious vehicle or person. Ring 101 or report online to your local police force; if a crime is in progress always dial 999. A neighbour or friend may be the next victim, please help to stop this happening.
- Ask for an incident number.
- Let others know in the area so that they can ensure they have taken measures to protect their equipment and are aware of anyone acting suspiciously.
- If you have a Horse Watch or Rural Watch Scheme in your area put signs on your gates showing you are in a police approved scheme.