



Selecting the Right Fence

When it comes to choosing the best fence for your property, there are many factors you'll need to consider:

Containment Strength

How many animals and the type will really determine how strong your fence needs to be. An area designed to contain a stallion will need much greater rail strength than a pasture for mares will require. The addition of an electric top wire or rail enhances the containment effectiveness of most fence types. Braided rope horse fence has very little tensile strength and offers little resistance to the pressure exerted by a horse or other large animal. Wood, rigid PVC fencing, and safety-coated high tensile wire offer a higher break strength, while reinforced flexible fence, like Centaur HTP®, and woven wire are among the strongest fences available.

Safety

While a stronger fence can also be a safer fence, you need to know how the fence material reacts when subjected to significant impact. Braided rope can break easily, tangling the horse's legs and causing panic. Wood and Rigid PVC fencing will break and splinter, greatly increasing the chances of catastrophic injury. Woven wire contains spaces that can trap and injure a horse's hoof, particularly a foal's. Safety-coated high tensile wire and reinforced flexible fencing will rebound at impact, almost completely eliminating the opportunity for serious injury.

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Centaur fence in Kentucky that withstood damaging winds as well as the weight of a barn.