

Build Your Own Electric Pen Kit by Terri Folks

You can absolutely afford your own electric pen. I put my own together - you can either pick these up from Tractor Supply or Atwoods or you can order from Valley Vet.

These items are all in the electric fence area:

- 10 step in white plastic electric fence poles
- 1 roll of wide electric tape
- 1 gate handle

Electric Fence Chargers, get one that works on batteries and depending on what kind you get, I was on a budget and purchased this charger many years ago online. This isn't the exact same one but basically works the same <http://www.horse.com/item/havahart-nuisance-animal-energizer/BXW12/> (about \$48) Or you can spend twice as much and get a Yellow Jacket battery-operated charger. But I have used this little one for years and it works fine.

You'll also need:

- two D batteries (for the little charger) and I always keeps extras in bag just in case. Take the batteries out of the charger when you are taking your pen down, your batteries will last longer.
- a grounding rod for the charger - I went to Ace hardware and had them cut me a short piece of copper. You could also use rebar
- a piece of bailing wire to attach the grounding rod to the charger
- some kind of bag is not required but a golf bag from a thrift store (\$5) works great to carry your electric fence pen kit
- a hammer
- a metal tent stake (you can get these at Walmart in the camping section), using your hammer, you can start the hole if the ground is really hard with the tent stake and believe me after this drought, the ground is really hard.
- A plastic electric cord wind up reel (orange) - you can get these anywhere - and wind your electric tape up on this. Makes it much easier to put up and keep in your trailer.

That's it! And voila - your own electric pen kit at a greatly reduced cost than ordering from a catalog!

Photo Below - Eva Lambert, left, demonstrates how to wind up the electric tape on her electric pen kit.

