## About Our Deck Chair...

Premier's Deck Chair holds sheep reliably in a relaxed position which allows the use of both hands to trim feet, tag ears, examine and medicate. Restrains heavily pregnant ewes without injury.

Users can walk away for more medicine or tools knowing your animal is safely restrained. Adjusts for width to hold all sizes of sheep (even just shorn ones).

Galvanized steel pipe and elastic webbing are strong enough to hold 500 lbs. Can be folded flat for easier storage and transporting. Some assembly required.

## **Deck Chair FAQs**

#### How wide should the chair be?

This varies with every flock or herd, but it is usually narrower than new users expect. We suggest leaving about 14–15 inches between the long pipes at the beginning, and then adjusting thereafter to the frame size of your animals. Once adjusted, you will rarely need to change it.

## What if part of the chair is accidently damaged beyond repair?

Call us. Premier will supply any part of this chair as a replacement. If your webbing breaks or is accidently cut, replacement webbing is available (part #807515). For lesser damage, many people use a strong piece of string to strengthen the area.









### **1.** Best location is in the corner of a small pen—

as this allows catching the animal with the least effort. Drop the top of the chair over a gate or fence at  $45^{\circ}$  angle.

Using a small pen instead of a large one will make catching the sheep much easier. Also helps to have the chair near the corner of the pen.



**2. Catch the sheep by the head.** Back the sheep into the chair. As the back legs hit the bottom crossbar, the rump (and most of its weight) will fall into the webbing.

**3. Complete the process by lifting the head upwards** into the sitting position.



Tip the chair, with the sheep inside it, forward with one hand. Allow the animal to fall out onto its feet. Hang onto the chair or you may be chasing the animal/chair combination around the pen.





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# How to assemble...



Remove plastic wrap from disassembled deck chair.

Hold the side that has the longer horizontal pipe.

Stretch bungee net over both the top and bottom pipe frame.



Insert a cross bar into support below the peg.



Insert second crossbar in the bottom support.



Insert second side of deck chair into the attached crossbars (webbing pegs on the side should face out).



Adjust chair to the desired width (we suggest 14–15"). Tighten wingbolts (all 4, at the top and bottom crossbars) to hold the bars in place.



Slide the webbing over the crossbars.



Attach the webbing to the pegs on both sides of chair.

**Important:** Pull the webbing **under** the sidebar, not over.



Remove wingnuts and washers from the bottom of the chair (remove nuts only, not bolts). Place kick-plate on the backside of the chair over the bolts, add washers and tighten wingnuts onto the bolts.

## Adjusting the frame width



Max. width 16". Min. width 10".



To adjust the width simply loosen the wingnuts on the side with slider (*see photo above*). When changing the width of the deck chair, don't forget to loosen the wingnuts that allow the kick-plate to be adjusted. The long side of the steel chair frame can then slide in and out to suit the width requirements of your animals whether they are large, small, long-wooled, short-wooled, hair coated, pregnant or open. Then retighten the wingnuts when you have the correct width.

#### Which side should I leave the excess cross pipe?

The excess can be on either the right or left side—kick-plate easily flips to accommodate this. It's best to leave the excess on the side opposite where you normally work, so it may be different for left vs. right handed people.

Note: Most first-time users are surprised how little width is actually needed for the best restraining results. It is better to keep it narrow than too wide. We suggest that you simply adjust the width to suit your needs.

## Adding the Support Rope

If you raise large/heavy sheep, the supplied rope is needed to add support to the mesh. After weaving the rope through the chair, it should make a "W" shape. *Note: Orange rope (shown below) is for photo purposes only,* 

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Loop one end of the rope over a support peg at the top of the chair. Weave the rope through the mesh to the bottom cross bar.



Wrap the rope around the bottom cross bar. Proceed to weave the rope through the mesh to the center of the top cross bar.



Wrap the rope around the top of the cross bar, then weave to the bottom cross bar. Wrap again and weave the rope back to the top cross bar.



Loop the end of the rope over the second peg at the top of the chair. The support rope is now installed on the Deck Chair. Deck Chair with support rope installed.