

Febreze Safe for Dogs When Used Correctly

Contrary to rumors circulating, the fabric refresher is not toxic to dogs.

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Q. Someone who works in the pet-care industry told me that using Febreze in your house to freshen couches, carpets, and dog beds can harm your dog. Is this true? I'm not using it a lot, but I want to be sure I'm not putting my dog at risk by trying to keep my house fresh.

A. There are many myths floating around, and the one regarding Febreze has caused a lot of angst among dog owners. You will be happy to know that when used as directed, Febreze is completely safe, and will allow you to neutralize the doggie smell that can plague furniture. I use Febreze liberally on the couch where my dog Raindog spends most of her time lounging.

Just as with other household products, there's always the remote possibility of an allergic reaction, but most likely this would involve some mild facial swelling or eye redness.