



IF IT'S "FREE", IS IT "GOOD"?

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**“FREE”** in what sense?

And **“GOOD”** for who?

# FREE

## Puppies



Our dog Chikondi (Love) just had puppies! We can't keep them all so stop on by for some tea and take home a puppy!

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“Does it work on Windows 7?”

*“Oh, yeah, sure, no problem – I’m pretty sure someone posted a patch for that on the mailing list a while back...”*

*“No, wait, that was for an earlier release...”*

*“But I’m pretty sure you could get it to build on the current version without too much work...”*



# Can it import shapefiles?

*"No, no, nobody uses shapefiles anymore..."*

*"But there is that kid who hangs out in the chat room, he might know how to write a driver for legacy file formats..."*

*"Mind you, his English isn't so good, but maybe if you shipped him a hard drive with a test case..."*

# Where's all the metadata?

*"Metadata?"*

*"You mean like dates and stuff like that?"*

*"Wow, no, sorry, we weren't really sure what all that stuff was for so we just deleted it all first..."*

# Ouch.

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So there.

*Any other questions?*