Puppy Raisers Needed

LANCASTER — The Seeing Eye seeks families to raise puppies destined to be dog guides for blind people. Puppies born at the scientific breeding station in Mendham Township will soon be ready for loving homes.

The Seeing Eye pays veterinary expenses and provides a monthly allowance to help defray other puppy raising costs. The 4-H youngsters who raise the puppies

take them to local 4-H meetings to teach them basic obedience, and a Seeing Eye representative will visit the home periodically to help with the care and handling of each

Raising a Seeing Eye puppy is a family project. As a family member, a puppy gets the confidence it needs to be a Seeing Eye dog. When it's old enough for training, it will already be well

adjusted to family life, sometime between 12 and 14 months of age the pup will return to The Seeing Eye for specialized training.

At the Seeing Eye in Morris Township, N.J., qualified instructors teach Seeing Eye dogs to guide blind people. Since 1941, 4-H families have been raising puppies for The Seeing Eye. For more information call your local county 4-H agent.

Gifts are for Giving

won't do the trick.

LANCASTER — Boys and girls enjoy holidays, birthdays and other gift occasions. From an early age they are active gift receivers, enjoying the anticipation as well as the gifts themselves. They enjoy being asked to specify particular items they'd like; to make Christmas lists and birthday lists.

However, children need to experience gift giving too, says Greta C. Vairo, Extension home economist. Even preschoolers can participate in planning, making and shopping for gifts for family and family friends. They need to earn why gifts are given.

Well-planned gift giving can be an enjoyable learning experience

for parents and children. Planning is the key. You need time if you want to include children in the process. A last minute rush to the stores to purchase a list of items

The children can be involved in planning what would be just the right present for grandmother. They enjoy helping dad decide what to give mother, especially when they get to go on a shopping trip with him for the special gift. Older children can do their shopping in a semi-supervised way. One possibility is a family outing that includes lunch, or a snack in a restaurant. After eating,

the family can break into groups to shop for each other. These groups can be re-formed until each child has shopped for both parents, brothers and sisters.

Wrapping gifts can be fun too, with "secret" sessions going on in different corners of the home as surprises are readied by children who are givers as well as receivers.





If raising puppies is of interest to you, contact your local 4-H



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