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[UPDATED]: Puppy love behind fundraiser

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For the pups: Bailey Jung, president of Silver Bullet Shredding, is holding a fundraiser for the Pacific Assistance Dogs Society with Rona this weekend. Above, Jung, right, with Laura Watamanuk, PADS' executive director, and PADS assistance dogs Torino, Jasper, Skipper and Cascade. Photograph By Larry Wright/BURNABY NOW

Bailey Jung loves dogs.

He loves dogs so much, he began volunteering at the Pacific Assistance Dogs Society seven years ago and today, he uses his Burnaby-based company to help fundraise for the non-profit.

Jung, the founder and president of Silver Bullet Shredding, is bringing his mobile shredder to a fundraiser for the Burnaby society this Saturday.

“I have a passion for dogs,” he said. “At the time I was introduced to PADS and got to see the work that they did, the impact that the dogs had on their clients really struck a chord with me.”

The society raises and trains assistance dogs to help people with mobility and hearing challenges, as well as people who've experienced trauma.

Jung attended PADS events in 2008 and was soon helping out, he said. He joined the board of directors in 2009 and stayed on for two years.

Now, he helps the charity by holding fundraisers with his mobile shredding truck.

“I've always felt it was really important as a business owner, regardless of your size, to give back to the community where you do business,” he said. “I just feel that I can make perhaps a bigger impact supporting a local small charity that

doesn't get a lot of exposure or is under the radar, so to speak, than, say, a big one.”

He partners with Rona on shred-a-thons throughout the Lower Mainland for a number of organizations, including the Autism Society of B.C. and Harvest Project of North Vancouver.

PADS fundraisers often have the biggest turnout, he added.

“I find that the puppies are a big draw, especially with the children,” Jung said.

Jung will be on hand to greet people Saturday, as will the stars of the event, PADS puppies in training, along with volunteers.

Working with a local business is a good fit for PADS, as well, according to Laura Watamanuk, PADS' executive director.

“We're very appreciative of our partnership with Silver Bullet and Rona, and their support to fund our training program,” she said.

The document shredding is also intended to help residents prevent fraud and identity theft, as the shredding is done on site, so confidentiality is maintained. Participants can bring up to four banker boxes of documents, or 100 lbs, to be shredded. Shredding is done by donation.

There will also be food and drinks supplied by Save-On Foods, with proceeds going to PADS.

The Silver Bullet Community Shred takes place at Rona, 7260 Edmonds St. from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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