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Mella Pet Care Secures Investment from Mark Cuban on ABC's 'Shark Tank'

Connected health and wellness devices will 'disrupt the pet care industry,' says Cuban

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Company Overview

Mella is a pioneering pet health company dedicated to crafting cutting-edge health devices tailored specifically for pets. With a focus on innovation and animal well-being, Mella develops a range of state-of-the-art health monitoring tools designed to empower pet owners and veterinarians alike. From temperature monitors to activity trackers, Mella's products provide comprehensive insights into pets' health, enabling proactive care and early detection of potential issues. By combining advanced technology with a deep understanding of pet care needs, Mella is revolutionizing the way we monitor and safeguard our beloved animal companions.



Innovative
Care: Mella's
Pet Monitoring
Revolution

















Founders



Anya Babbitt & Mella
CEO



Yale Zhang & Possum
CTO



Ben Seidman & Biggie

Anya's shih tzu mix, Mella, is the company's namesake. As an entrepreneur, Babbitt has built and exited multiple startups across industries and her work has been recognized by the United Nations, Techcrunch & more. Babbitt's specialties are strategic partnerships, deal closing, and team building.

A serial entrepreneur with over 15 years of experience in building healthcare hardware monitoring devices, Yale Zhang specializes in bringing innovations from idea to commercialization. Zhang is passionate about creating greater healthcare access across the world.

Ben Seidman loves building and collaborating with his team to solve problems that provide meaningful impact for the world around him. Seidman's dog, Biggie, is the namesake for Mella's second product. Seidman is resourceful, a door opener, and a team player. His focus is sales, marketing, operations and recruiting.

The Mella Team



Daniella Morgan-Pascualvaca Chief of Staff



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Pet Product Innovations pet product





Felicity Johnson Founder of Hello Ralphie



Mella's Story



Our team, with a decade of experience in innovative medical devices, developed a pulse oximeter and infrared thermometer for infants in 2015. Inspired by my farm upbringing and love for animals, I realized the need for accessible health tracking tools for pet owners and veterinarians. Named after my rescue dog Mella, our company aims to address this gap. Mella's battle with kennel cough highlighted the challenges of monitoring pet health. Lacking a thermometer, I struggled to assess her symptoms accurately, leading to a near-fatal outcome. Recognizing the need for fear-free temperature monitoring for pets, we launched Mella Pet Care, dedicated to simplifying pet health monitoring through innovative technology.

- CEO, Anya Babbitt

Awards & Press



Check out Mella's awards

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SHARK TANK



Daniella (left), Anya (middle), and Ben (right) giving their pitch to the Sharks



The Mella Pet Care set on Shark Tank



Daniella taking Daymond John's temperature while Obie waits patiently



Daniella (left), Anya (middle), and Ben (right) finish their pitch by making "shark fins" with their hands



Daniella explains the Biggie Scale to Daymond John by weighing Obie



Daniella demonstrates the Mella ecosystem to Daymond John while Obie, Anya, and Ben look over



Mark Cuban holding show dog Obie

Press Shots

All Photos



More Mella Dog Photos



Team Headshots



More Mella Pro Photos



More Mella Home Photos



More Biggie Photos



More Tabby Photos



More Biggie Use Photos



More Mella Home Use Photos



More Mella Pro Use Photos



More Tabby Use Photos

The Mella Health App

For seamless data tracking and an ability to send vital signs information to any practice management system.

Required for accurate temperature prediction.



Mobile App Screenshots

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Mella Press Videos



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Product Videos



Webinars



Mella Pro Use Videos



Mella Home Use Videos



Biggie Use Videos



Tabby Use Videos

Logos

Mella's mission is simple: to make pet healthcare more accessible to pet parents, pet professionals, and pets themselves.

We create smart vital signs
monitoring technology so that
anyone, anywhere, can get the
insights they need to help their best
friends live healthier,
happier lives.



Mella Pet Care™

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Testimonials



Tennille Teague
Founder, Jaxx Hound
And Pet Parent



Alex Schecter
DVM



Kim Cross
President, Friends for
Animals of Metro Detroit



Susie Teran DVM

"I wish Mella Pro were around when my kitty was running a fever." "I know all of my patients will be extremely happy with this stress free technology"

"The Mella Pro would be perfect for screening parvo at our facility" "Nobody wants to be sticking anything up an animal's butt, especially not the animal."

Check out our video testimonials

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