

# National Veterinary Technician Week Celebrations and Inspiration!

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## Preparation/ask for help:

Utilize vendor reps	Small gifts for goodies bags, sponsoring breakfast/lunch/snacks
DVM staff involvement	Ask DVMs and other leadership staff to generate ideas and participate in the planning
Recruit special talents	Your team all has special talents and can bring many creative ideas to the table
Set a budget	Having a per-person budget will help in planning
Get clients involved	Send a message to your top clients to let them know it is national vet tech week so they can get involved
NAVTA	Go to their website to obtain images and ideas on how to celebrate
State Vet Tech Associations	Reach out to explore how to celebrate
Team workshop or webinar	Bring in a live workshop or virtual webinar (Catalyst has one titled 'Celebrate More')

## Simple ideas with high value (low cost)

Social Media posts	Post individual shout outs to your techs on social media during vet tech week
Word clouds*	Make word clouds filled with words that describe each tech. Print and frame.
Handwritten thank you card	Be specific- highlighting what they bring to the team and a genuine thank you
Appreciation boards	Post a board where team or clients can leave appreciation notes to each other

## The personalized (cost varies)

Pens*	Pens with their name
Can holders/insulators	If you have a bunch that likes to enjoy adult beverages, these are fun
Jewelry*	Jewelry with their pet's names, vet tech sayings or pet symbols
Logo wear	Jackets, sweatshirts, etc that have their name and hospital logo on them
Personalized gear	Personalize anything they use regularly - lunch totes, water bottles, etc.
Key chains	Animal themed or personalized
Window decals	Vet Tech pride sayings like "I'm a Vet Tech, what is your super power?"
Personalized mugs/cups	Order personalized mugs and fill with treats

## Small goodies (low cost)

Office supplies	Fun animal themed note pads, pens, highlighters, etc.
Lotto scratch off cards	"We hit the lotto when you joined the HOSPITAL NAME family"; pair with candy coins
Hand sanitizer	"Your helping hands make HOSPITAL NAME what it is"
Candles	"You're a SCENTSational team member"
Tiny Hands by Archie McGee	Funny gift - tiny hands so everyone always has an extra 'helping hand'
Food warmers*	Food warmers to help keep food warm when we don't get the chance to stop to eat
Pet items	Pets are part of our family and getting goodies for them warms the hearts of our teams
Gift cards	Gift cards to their favorite restaurant, spa or store

## Experience gifts (higher cost)

Additional paid day off	Gift them an additional day off to team to use over the next calendar year
Close and connect	Close the clinic for a few hours for an off-site lunch or team building activity
Piñata	A good old piñata filled with candy brings out the giddy child in all of us!
Coffee cart	Find a traveling coffee cart company that can come in and make drinks for your team
Chair massages	Find a traveling massage therapist that can come in and give chair massages

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**Medical inspired**

Scissors	A nice, sharp pair of bandage scissors. Available from major vendors
Nurse pro packs*	Think technician tool belt. Give them all the things to fill it over the week
Stethoscope watch	Watch face that attaches to a stethoscopes

**Combo gifts (cost varies)**

Goodie bags	Filled with small gifts of appreciation like hand lotion, hand sanitizer, pens, notebooks/post-its, gum/mints, Starbucks gift cards, favorite treat or candy, handwritten Thank You card.
Kits	Themed kits - self-care, movie night, dinner on us, etc.

**Food (cost varies)**

Themed food days	Find out team members favorite meals or snacks and do a themed day...example: Today is Amy's favorite snack day: chips and queso.
Meal ideas (assemble)	Taco Tuesday, Nacho bar, Waffle bar, baked potato bar, ice cream sundae bar
Meal ideas (day of)	Pizza, grill out, catered delivery from your local restaurants
Local restaurants	Reach out to local restaurants and see if they want to donate coupons, food or other goodies for your vet tech week. Promote their business on social media for supporting your team.
Homemade breakfast	Pancakes/Waffles. Made extra special when managers and doctors make the breakfast!

**Website Resources:**

[www.wordclouds.com](http://www.wordclouds.com) (FREE online word cloud creator)  
<https://awesomethis.com> (personalized products)  
[www.Etsy.com](http://www.Etsy.com) (personalized and vet tech inspired products galore)  
<https://burritote.com> (food warmer to fit a burrito)  
[www.nursepropack.com](http://www.nursepropack.com) (tool belt for technicians)

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