

“ Our mission is to Instill Land to Sea Conservation and Compassion for animals in the hearts of the next generation.

-ReelTime Animal Rescue-

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Conservation-Focused
Open to All Schools
Nature-Bonding
Nurturing Compassion
Educational Excellence
Community-Engaged
Technology-Driven



BENEFITS TO STUDENTS AND SCHOOLS:

- SUPPORTS EMOTIONAL AND SOCIAL LEARNING BY PROMOTING EMPATHY AND COMPASSION.
- ENCOURAGES CRITICAL THINKING THROUGH PROBLEM-SOLVING AND DISCUSSION.
- ENHANCES COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND AWARENESS AT A YOUNG AGE, LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP.

COMPASSION EDUCATION

CONNECT

&

INSPIRE

GRADES 3 - 5



OVERVIEW

This curriculum adaptation is designed for upper elementary students, focusing on deeper engagement with animal welfare and conservation topics.

The activities are more complex and interactive, encouraging critical thinking and personal responsibility.



CURRICULUM GOALS



- Enhance understanding of animal ecosystems and the human impact on these environments.
- Develop critical thinking skills through problem-solving and project-based learning.
- Promote advocacy and leadership skills by involving students in community outreach projects related to animal welfare.



DURATION & FLEXIBILITY



The curriculum is structured for 1 to 3 days but can be extended to accommodate more in-depth projects or integrated into a week-long program.

Activities are designed with flexibility in mind, allowing for adjustments based on classroom dynamics and individual student needs.

DISCOVERY

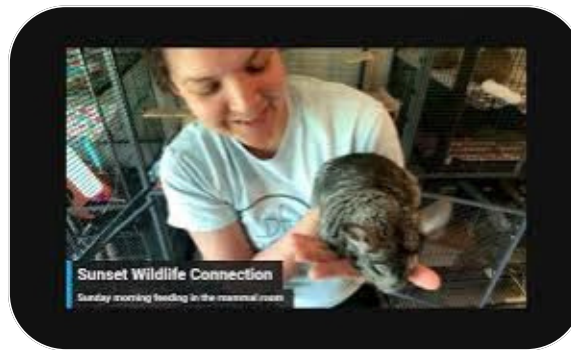
- Introduction to different animal habitats using interactive digital maps and virtual tours of sanctuaries.
- Group discussion on human impacts on these habitats, including pollution, deforestation, and urbanization.
- Case study activities where students analyze specific scenarios of human-animal interaction and its effects (e.g., sea turtles and beach pollution, birds and window collisions).
- Students work in groups to propose solutions or prevention strategies for these issues.



PREPARATION

- Day 1: Educator selects a Presenter from ReelTime Animal Rescue's website; Book Date & Time.
- Preparation for the livestream: Discuss what a livestream is and etiquette during the session.
- Discuss the type of animal species that will be featured and submit questions to the Presenter before live session.

LIVE CONNECTION (20-30 minutes)



- Day 2: Presenter is livestreamed via Google Meet in the classroom on selected date.

- Presenter answers previously submitted questions.
- Encourage community involvement

INSPIRE



- Day 3: Post-livestream analysis: Students reflect on their learning and discuss the operational challenges and successes of the rescue or sanctuary featured.
- Begin drafting plans for a community awareness project based on insights gained from the livestream.

GUIDE FOR TEACHERS:

COMPASSION EDUCATION: CONNECT & INSPIRE

Introduction: This guide serves as a comprehensive resource to assist teachers in delivering an engaging and educational experience focused on animal welfare and conservation. It is designed to be user-friendly, providing clear instructions and needed materials for each activity.

COMPASSION EDUCATION: CONNECT & INSPIRE

1. Welcome and Overview:

- An introduction to the "Compassion Education: CONNECT & Inspire" program.
- Overview of the program's goals, benefits for students, and expected outcomes.

2. Curriculum Structure and Timing:

- Breakdown of the curriculum over 1 to 3 days.
- Suggestions for integrating the curriculum within the standard school schedule.

3. Daily Activities:

Day 1: Understanding Animal Habitats and Human Impacts

- Objective: Students will explore different animal habitats and understand the effects of human interaction.
- Activities:
 - Pre-Livestream Research: Instructions for students to research the featured organization and prepare insightful questions.
 - Student questions submitted to selected Presenter the day before the livestream.

Day 2: Live Connection with ReelTime Animal Rescue's Presenter

- Objective: Students interact live with animal welfare professionals to learn about real-world conservation efforts.
- Activities:
 - Livestream Preparation: Set classroom rules for the live session.
 - Viewing and Interaction Guide: Facilitating student questions/answers and engagement during the livestream.
 - Post-Livestream Reflection: Review material on different types of animal shelters, the importance of animal welfare, and the role of conservation.
 - Students summarize what they've learned in their own words, reinforcing their understanding and retention.
 - Materials Needed: Technical setup requirements for hosting the livestream.

Day 3: Community Awareness Campaign

- Objective: Use creative projects to reinforce learning and encourage advocacy for animal welfare. Integrating hands-on activities after a livestream session can significantly enhance their learning experience and make a tangible impact on animal welfare.
- Activities:
 - Campaign Creation: Students apply what they've learned by creating and presenting a community awareness campaign.
 - Campaign Design Workshop: Students create effective advocacy materials using both digital and traditional media.
 - Presentation Preparation and Execution: Students prepare for presenting their campaigns, including presentation skills.
 - Conduct a Fundraiser: Students can organize a fundraiser for the organization they just engaged with via livestream or select a local animal shelter/sanctuary in their community.
 - Coordinate with local animal shelters or farms that allow young volunteers. Arrange for class visits where students can participate in age-appropriate activities such as grooming, feeding, or playing with animals.

ACTIVITY ENGAGEMENT

Purpose and Use:

- Activity sheets are designed to reinforce the curriculum's educational objectives through engaging and hands-on tasks.
- They include a variety of activities such as puzzles, word searches, and project planning sheets that cater to different learning styles.

Variety & Ideas:

- Global Habitat Exploration: Students research animals and their habitats, fostering understanding of environmental needs globally.
- Impact Analysis Worksheet: Sheets where students identify human impacts on specific habitats and propose mitigation strategies.
- Campaign Planner: Helps students organize their ideas for their community awareness campaigns, outlining objectives, target audience, and media.

CRAFT MATERIALS

Purpose and Use:

- These materials encourage creativity and allow students to express their learning through visual arts.
- Posters can be used as advocacy tools, helping students spread awareness about animal welfare in their community.

Materials Provided:

- Large sheets of poster board in various colors.
- Eco-friendly paints, markers, and crayons.
- Stencils and stamps with environmental and animal motifs.
- Recycled and biodegradable embellishments such as fabric scraps and paper cut-outs.

DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT

Purpose and Use:

- Digital tools, such as free online programs, to integrate technology into learning, allowing students to create digital projects or presentations that can be shared beyond the classroom.
- These tools also aim to enhance engagement and provide students with modern skills in digital communication.

Teacher Feedback:

- Feedback on ReelTime Animal Rescue's Compassion Education CONNECT & Inspire curriculum and its implementation.