

“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 K-2



OVERVIEW

This curriculum aims to foster empathy and awareness among young students through interactive and age-appropriate activities centered on animal welfare and conservation.

This program is designed to integrate into the existing school day and align with educational standards for early childhood education.



CURRICULUM GOALS



- To educate young students about different types of animals and their habitats.
- To instill values of compassion and responsibility towards animals and the environment.
- To encourage community engagement and active participation in conservation efforts.



DURATION & FLEXIBILITY



Spanning 1 to 3 days, the curriculum is adaptable based on class schedules and teacher preferences.

Activities are designed to be flexible, allowing for expansion based on class needs and interests.

DISCOVERY

- Interactive storytelling about domestic animals, focusing on pets like cats and dogs. Use puppets or stuffed animals to make the session engaging.
- Discussion on feelings and responsibilities towards pets.
- Introduction to local animal issues highlighting how shelters help animals.
- Brainstorming session: Students think of ways to help animals, guided by a teacher.



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 (15-20 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: Reflection on the livestream. Students draw pictures of their favorite moment or animal from the session.
- Start a "Kindness to Animals" poster, using drawings and ideas from the livestream.
- Raising awareness at a young age, laying the foundation for a more compassionate world.

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:

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

3. Daily Activities:

Day 1: Discovering Animal Worlds

- Objective: Introduce students to domestic animals and discuss their needs and welfare.
- Activities:
 - Pre-Livestream Preparation: Guide the students to learn about the featured organization and think of thoughtful questions to ask
 - Student questions submitted to selected Presenter the day before the livestream.
 - Livestream Preparation: Instructions on how to explain a livestream to young students and setting classroom rules for the session.
 - Interactive Storytelling with Animals: Using puppets or stuffed animals to tell a story about pets.

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

- Objective: Connect students with a real animal rescue or sanctuary via Google Meet to learn directly from a founder.
- Activities:
 - **Materials Needed: Technical setup requirements for hosting the livestream, drawing materials.**
 - Viewing and Interaction Guide: Presenter to address student questions/answers and engagement during the livestream.
 - Post-Livestream Reflection: Activities for students to draw or write about their experience. Have sections to record feelings and observations during the livestream, with prompts like "My favorite animal today was ____ because ____."
 - Comprehensive background material on different types of animal shelters, the importance of animal welfare, and the role of conservation.

Day 3: Creative Campaigns and Community Action

- Objective: Use creative projects to reinforce learning and encourage advocacy for animal welfare.
- Activities:
 - Discussion on Pet Responsibility: Questions to prompt discussion and tips on encouraging shy students to participate. Include pictures of domestic animals and simple words to describe their needs (e.g., food, water, love)
 - Campaign Creation: Help students create a poster or finger puppet.
 - Class Presentation: Organizing and conducting student presentations in a supportive environment.
 - Materials Needed: Templates for posters and art supplies.

Teacher Feedback:

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

ACTIVITY SHEETS

Purpose and Use:

- Activity sheets are designed to facilitate hands-on learning and help students organize their thoughts and ideas.
- They include coloring sections, puzzles like matching animals to their needs, and simple games that reinforce the day's learning.

Variety & Ideas:

- Animal Welfare Maze: Helps students understand the journey of an animal from being in need to finding a home, using a maze format.
- Animal Care Matching Game: Features cards that students match with the correct care needs (e.g., matching a bed to a dog, a fishbowl to a fish).
- Animal Feelings Coloring Page: Encourages empathy by having students color animals expressing different emotions.

CRAFT MATERIALS

Purpose and Use:

- Encourage creativity and advocacy by allowing students to create posters that promote animal welfare.
- Posters can be used within the school to spread awareness or even at home to educate their families and neighbors.

Materials Needed:

- Pre-cut poster boards in various colors.
- Stickers and stamps with animal images and conservation messages.
- Non-toxic markers, crayons, and glue sticks.
- Templates and outlines for posters to help guide the younger students in their designs.