

## Compassion Education: CONNECT & Inspire

### KENTUCKY

#### **Program Overview:**

Compassion Education: CONNECT & Inspire is a free, interactive, virtual education program from ReelTime Animal Rescue that connects K-12 students with animal rescue professionals, wildlife experts, and environmental conservationists around the world. Designed as a virtual field trip, the program encourages real-time learning, critical thinking, and meaningful engagement through livestream presentations.

#### **How It Supports STEM Benchmarks:**

Compassion Education directly supports Kentucky's Science and Engineering Practices (SEPs) and Crosscutting Concepts (CCCs), including:

- Asking Questions & Defining Problems (SEP #1): Students are encouraged to submit real-time questions to animal and conservation professionals.
- Analyzing & Interpreting Data (SEP #4): Presenters share rescue statistics, ecosystem data, and case studies to promote data literacy.
- Engaging in Argument from Evidence (SEP #7): Students are prompted to reflect on environmental impact and animal welfare through evidence-based discussions.
- Crosscutting Concepts: Students explore cause and effect, systems and system models, and the relationship between structure and function.

#### **Supporting SEL in Classrooms:**

Aligned with Kentucky's emphasis on whole-child education and emotional development, Compassion Education promotes:

- Empathy and global awareness through real-world storytelling
- Perspective-taking and emotional engagement with animal welfare themes
- Social responsibility through conservation and ethical decision-making

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### **Why Educators Choose Compassion Education:**

- 100% Free to schools, teachers, and administrators
- Flexible scheduling to fit classroom needs
- Designed for four grade bands: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12
- Downloadable lesson materials to support deeper classroom integration

### **Let's Inspire the Next Generation - Together.**

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