Compassion Education: *CONNECT & INSPIRE*

Presented by ReelTime Animal Rescue

Transforming K-12 Classrooms with Compassion and Leadership

ALABAMA STEM & SEL BENCHMARK ALIGNMENT

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STEM Benchmarks Alignment

GRADES: K–2 (ACOS Science K.8, 1.9)

Benchmark: Identify basic needs of animals and their environments

Compassion Education:

- Livestreams of real rescue animals in varied environments offer direct observation of what animals need to survive.
- K–2 students visually explore habitats (e.g., water, shelter, food) and compare differences between domestic and wild animals.

GRADES: 3–5 (ACOS 3.7, 4.6)

Benchmark: Interdependent relationships in ecosystems; human impacts

Compassion Education:

- Students witness firsthand (via livestreams) how human actions like pollution or habitat loss impact animal rescue and recovery.
- Reflection activities and writing prompts help connect content to real-world environmental scenarios.

GRADES: 6–8 (ACOS 7.5, 7.6)

Benchmark: Model energy flow, predict ecosystem disruptions

Compassion Education:

- Streamed content includes a variety of species and interactions (predators, prey, scavengers).
- Activities include ecosystem mapping and proposing solutions based on what they observe.

GRADES: 9–12 (ACOS Biology 10.4)

Benchmark: Biodiversity and sustainability

Compassion Education:

- Older students explore global animal rescue cases, ethical issues, and conservation efforts.
- Advanced learners can research and present on the sustainability of specific ecosystems featured on the livestreams.

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SEL Alignment: How Compassion Education Meets CASEL-Compatible SEL Goals

GRADES: K–2 (ACOS Science K.8, 1.9)

- Self-awareness & social awareness are developed through empathy toward rescued animals.

- Short videos and group sharing time help young learners process feelings and model care.

GRADES: 3–5 (ACOS 3.7, 4.6)

- Responsible decision-making is modeled through stories about sanctuaries, rescues, and how humans can protect animals.

- Relationship skills are strengthened in peer discussions and collaborative journaling.

GRADES: 6–8 (ACOS 7.5, 7.6)

- The program introduces ethical reasoning: e.g., what should be done when a species is endangered or mistreated.

- Cultural sensitivity is embedded by showing global rescues and traditional animal treatment practices around the world.

GRADES: 9–12 (ACOS Biology 10.4)

- Advocacy, persuasive speaking, and emotional regulation are key as students engage in debates, write policy briefs, or design awareness campaigns around animal and environmental ethics.

- This aligns directly with upper-level SEL standards in Alabama related to leadership and social responsibility.