Compassion Education: CONNECT & INSPIRE

Presented by ReelTime Animal Rescue

Transforming K-12 Classrooms with Compassion and Leadership

MARYLAND STEM & SEL BENCHMARK ALIGNMENT

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STEM Benchmarks Alignment

GRADES: K–2 (Standards: K-LS1-1, K-ESS3-1, 2-LS4-1)

Benchmark: Observe living organisms and understand human impact on their environments. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students observe sanctuary animals in real time and learn about their habitats and care.

- Teachers lead discussions on how to meet animals' basic needs and how humans can help.

- Learners begin understanding ecosystems through empathy and observation.

GRADES: 3–5 (Standards: 3-LS4-3, 4-ESS3-1, 5-LS2-1)

Benchmark: Model environmental relationships and analyze human actions. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students analyze rescue environments and simulate food chains and ecological systems.

- Learners connect STEM knowledge to compassionate action, such as designing safe habitats or community awareness posters.

- Live footage encourages curiosity and real-world scientific thinking.

GRADES: 6–8 (Standards: MS-LS2-4, MS-ESS3-3, MS-ETS1-1)

Benchmark: Use data to evaluate environmental challenges and propose ethical solutions. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students study real-world cases of animal rescue, species decline, and environmental impact.

- Learners work collaboratively to propose solutions to local and global ecological issues.

- Engineering activities are compassion-centered, focusing on care-based innovation.

GRADES: 9–12 (Standards: HS-LS2-7, HS-ESS3-4, HS-ETS1-3)

Benchmark: Construct science-based solutions to reduce human impact and improve sustainability. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students engage in projects, research, and presentations using data from sanctuary partners.

- Learners propose conservation policies, lead campaigns, and connect science with civic action.

- Real-world exploration of climate, ethics, and sustainability supports deeper scientific literacy.

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- Social Awareness: Students develop empathy as they observe and talk about animals in need.

- Self-Awareness: Lessons connect feelings to actions and build self-control in group settings.

GRADES: 3–5

- Responsible Decision-Making: Students reflect on how their choices affect others, animals, and the Earth.

- Team Collaboration: Learners practice listening and presenting with compassion and purpose.

GRADES: 6–8

- Perspective-Taking: Students evaluate environmental and ethical dilemmas with empathy.

- Resilience and Identity: Learners build confidence by contributing to meaningful causes.

GRADES: 9–12

- Leadership and Action: Teens design and lead projects grounded in service and ethical reasoning.

- Civic Engagement: SEL practices are reinforced through real-world communication and advocacy.