

Compassion Education: **CONNECT** & **INSPIRE**

Presented by ReelTime Animal Rescue



Transforming K-12 Classrooms with Compassion and Leadership

NEW HAMPSHIRE 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: Describe animal needs and how humans interact with the environment. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students observe animals receiving care, linking compassion with life science.
- Discussions center on survival, care, and human responsibility.
- Art and journaling reinforce core scientific and emotional connections.

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

Benchmark: Examine human impact on ecosystems and interactions among organisms. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Real-time examples of sanctuary life connect energy transfer, food webs, and ethical decision-making.
- Students create conservation models, posters, and ethical debates based on livestreamed content.
- Projects support critical thinking through emotionally meaningful narratives.

GRADES: 6-8 (Standards: MS-LS2-4, MS-ESS3-3, MS-ETS1-2)

Benchmark: Model ecosystem stability and propose solutions to human-induced challenges. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students use sanctuary case studies to examine sustainability, pollution, and rescue operations.
- Assignments combine ethical reflection with engineering-style planning.
- Compassion Education promotes systems thinking and interdisciplinary exploration.

GRADES: 9-12 (Standards: HS-LS2-6, HS-ESS3-4, HS-ETS1-3)

Benchmark: Apply scientific reasoning to address environmental and animal welfare issues. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Learners design civic science initiatives, incorporating research, public speaking, and advocacy.
- Students engage in peer-led action, proposing real-world solutions to ecosystem and ethical issues.
- The program supports science communication, emotional maturity, and leadership.

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GRADES: K-2

- Empathy & Care: Students reflect on feelings during animal rescue videos and stories.
- Classroom Culture: Teachers use sanctuary moments to foster a safe, supportive environment.

GRADES: 3-5

- Responsible Choices: Students weigh different scenarios and identify kindness in action.
- Collaboration: Team projects and peer dialogue enhance respect and communication.

GRADES: 6-8

- Identity & Belonging: Learners explore their role in caring for others and the planet.
- Emotion Regulation: Students respond to real-world challenges and learn resilience through compassionate stories.

GRADES: 9-12

- Leadership & Purpose: Teens use empathy, research, and voice to make a difference.
- Civic Engagement: Students participate in advocacy and ethical science through sanctuary-based learning.