

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

Presented by ReelTime Animal Rescue



Transforming K-12 Classrooms with Compassion and Leadership

NORTH CAROLINA STEM & SEL BENCHMARK ALIGNMENT

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STEM Benchmarks Alignment

GRADES: K-2 (Standards: K.L.1, K.E.1, 1.L.2, 2.L.1)

Benchmark: Identify animal needs and explore how living things change. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students witness real animals receiving food, water, and shelter in sanctuaries.
- Observations lead to discussions about life cycles and human responsibility.
- Drawing, journaling, and class dialogue enhance inquiry-based learning.

GRADES: 3-5 (Standards: 3.L.2, 4.L.1, 5.L.2)

Benchmark: Understand adaptations, ecosystems, and energy flow. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students examine survival strategies and symbiotic relationships in sanctuary settings.
- Lessons involve diagramming food webs and ethical decision-making.
- Educators integrate social responsibility into STEM exploration.

GRADES: 6-8 (Standards: 6.L.2, 7.L.1, 8.E.1)

Benchmark: Analyze biotic and abiotic interactions and environmental issues. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students explore pollution, habitat destruction, and species recovery through sanctuary case studies.
- Projects include data collection, hypothesis generation, and ethical proposals.
- Content encourages systems thinking and civic engagement.

GRADES: 9-12 (Standards: Bio.2.1, Bio.2.2, EEn.2.5, EEn.2.8)

Benchmark: Examine ecosystem dynamics and human environmental impact. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Teens investigate deforestation, species extinction, and conservation efforts.
- Assignments include solution design, research projects, and science communication.
- Lessons blend emotional intelligence with scientific literacy and advocacy.

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GRADES: 3-5

- Empathy: Children learn to understand and care about others' needs, including animals.
- Ethical Reasoning: Students analyze scenarios and reflect on fairness and consequences.

GRADES: 6-8

- Personal Values: Students explore their role in solving real-world problems.
- Conflict Resolution: Rescue stories spark conversations about compassion and responsibility.

GRADES: 9-12

- Purpose & Advocacy: Learners become champions for change using knowledge and compassion.
- Collaborative Leadership: Teens lead projects and discussions on humane and ecological topics.