

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

Presented by ReelTime Animal Rescue



Transforming K-12 Classrooms with Compassion and Leadership

NORTH DAKOTA STEM & SEL BENCHMARK ALIGNMENT

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STEM Benchmarks Alignment

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

Benchmark: Describe what living things need to survive and how they interact with their environment. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students observe how rescued animals receive food, water, shelter, and medical care.
- Sanctuary livestreams provide real-world evidence to support classroom lessons.
- Teachers facilitate reflective discussions about responsibility and stewardship.

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

Benchmark: Understand systems within ecosystems and the human role in conservation. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students map food chains, observe ecosystem dynamics, and propose solutions to real-life problems.
- Projects include persuasive writing, ecosystem modeling, and video presentations.
- Students link academic science to personal and civic responsibility.

GRADES: 6-8 (Standards: MS.LS2-1 through MS.LS2-5, MS.ESS3-3)

Benchmark: Analyze relationships among organisms and environmental issues. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students investigate case studies on habitat loss, pollution, and species recovery.
- Activities include creating sustainable models and ethical policy recommendations.
- Lessons empower students to lead with compassion and scientific reasoning.

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

Benchmark: Evaluate solutions to complex environmental problems. Compassion Education Alignment:

- High school students conduct research on rescue-based conservation efforts.
- Students develop public awareness campaigns and community initiatives.
- The program prepares students for leadership roles in STEM, advocacy, and education.

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- Emotion Identification: Students express empathy for animals and discuss their needs.
- Kindness in Action: SEL grows through shared activities, care projects, and storytelling.

GRADES: 3-5

- Perspective-Taking: Learners reflect on animal and human experiences through guided discussions.
- Teamwork: Projects develop social skills and collaborative thinking.

GRADES: 6-8

- Ethical Problem-Solving: Students analyze scenarios with both logical and emotional dimensions.
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