

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

Presented by ReelTime Animal Rescue



## Transforming K-12 Classrooms with Compassion and Leadership

### OREGON STEM & SEL BENCHMARK ALIGNMENT

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#### STEM Benchmarks Alignment

##### GRADES: K-2 (Standards: K-LS1-1, 1-LS3-1, 2-LS4-1)

Benchmark: Observe and describe what animals need to survive and where they live. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students view animals in sanctuaries receiving food, water, and medical attention.
- Livestreams and teacher-led inquiry enhance curiosity about natural habitats.
- Students journal, draw, and discuss humane treatment and kindness toward animals.

##### GRADES: 3-5 (Standards: 3-LS4-3, 4-LS1-1, 5-LS2-1)

Benchmark: Understand biodiversity, systems, and animal adaptations. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students examine how sanctuaries simulate natural environments and support recovery.
- Projects include analyzing food chains, modeling ecosystems, and ethical roleplay.
- Compassion Education promotes interdisciplinary STEM learning.

##### GRADES: 6-8 (Standards: MS-LS2-1 to MS-LS2-5, MS-ESS3-3)

Benchmark: Evaluate ecosystems, sustainability, and human impact. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Real-time case studies reveal how human behavior affects animal welfare and biodiversity.
- Students work on solution-focused environmental proposals and resilience planning.
- Content builds scientific analysis, systems thinking, and ethical literacy.

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

Benchmark: Apply systems thinking to complex environmental and biological challenges. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Teens evaluate rescue models and propose scalable conservation solutions.
- Projects incorporate research, media literacy, and compassionate science communication.
- Students learn to bridge emotional intelligence with technical knowledge.

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#### GRADES: K-2

- Self-Expression: Students identify feelings sparked by animal stories.
- Empathy Practice: Livestreams show real examples of care and rescue.

#### GRADES: 3-5

- Ethical Reasoning: Children consider the "why" behind kindness and protection.
- Team-Based Learning: Collaboration fosters belonging and mutual respect.

#### GRADES: 6-8

- Perspective-Taking: Learners evaluate diverse animal and human experiences.
- Self-Discovery: Students reflect on personal purpose and ethical values.

#### GRADES: 9-12

- Compassionate Advocacy: Teens lead service-based projects, media campaigns, or presentations.
- Civic Responsibility: Lessons build real-world leadership with heart and purpose.