

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

Presented by ReelTime Animal Rescue



Transforming K-12 Classrooms with Compassion and Leadership

RHODE ISLAND STEM & SEL BENCHMARK ALIGNMENT

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STEM Benchmarks Alignment

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

Benchmark: Explore how animals meet basic needs and interact with their environments. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students observe rescued animals and identify needs such as food, shelter, and care.
- Educators guide students through comparing habitats and sanctuary life.
- Livestreams provide immersive observation opportunities to spark early inquiry.

GRADES: 3-5 (Standards: 3-LS4-3, 4-LS1-1, 5-PS3-1)

Benchmark: Understand animal adaptation, internal/external structures, and energy transfer. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students learn how sanctuaries accommodate animals with special needs.
- Exploration of adaptation supports STEM and empathy through video-based lessons.
- Projects include drawing and explaining animal features and care innovations.

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

Benchmark: Analyze environmental impacts and propose sustainable solutions. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students review rescue cases and brainstorm solutions to pollution or habitat loss.
- Lessons integrate environmental ethics and conservation science.
- Projects challenge students to develop compassionate, science-based plans of action.

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

Benchmark: Apply scientific and systems thinking to environmental issues. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Teens research and evaluate the success of real-world sanctuaries.
- Students explore humane technology, rehabilitation design, and conservation metrics.
- Lessons promote ethical STEM leadership and global citizenry.

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GRADES: K-2

- Self-Awareness: Students learn to name emotions through the lens of animal care.
- Connection: Students model kindness by helping create "safe spaces" in class.

GRADES: 3-5

- Empathy & Responsibility: Students analyze the ethics of animal rescue.
- Perspective-Taking: Learners reflect on both human and animal needs.

GRADES: 6-8

- Voice & Advocacy: Students create campaigns and share ideas for change.
- Social Awareness: Classrooms become platforms for compassion in action.

GRADES: 9-12

- Leadership: Teens conduct independent research and present solutions.
- Civic Engagement: Students develop projects that merge science, ethics, and action.