

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

Presented by ReelTime Animal Rescue



Transforming K-12 Classrooms with Compassion and Leadership

SOUTH CAROLINA STEM & SEL BENCHMARK ALIGNMENT

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STEM Benchmarks Alignment

GRADES: K-2 (Standards: K.L.2A, 1.L.5A, 2.L.5B)

Benchmark: Explore the needs of animals and their interactions with the environment. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students observe animals receiving care in sanctuaries and identify key survival needs.
- Teachers facilitate science discussions using live and recorded footage.
- Lessons spark curiosity and help children express compassion through action-based learning.

GRADES: 3-5 (Standards: 3.L.5A, 4.L.5B, 5.L.4B)

Benchmark: Understand animal structures, behaviors, and ecosystem interactions. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students explore how animals adapt, recover, and thrive through sanctuary observation.
- They evaluate the impact of human actions and propose ways to help.
- Compassion Education blends ecosystem literacy with emotional insight.

GRADES: 6-8 (Standards: 6.L.4B, 7.EC.5A, 8.E.6A)

Benchmark: Investigate environmental change, conservation, and scientific responsibility. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students analyze the role of sanctuaries in ecosystem balance and sustainability.
- Case studies explore pollution, habitat loss, and restoration.
- Interdisciplinary projects encourage advocacy and creative problem-solving.

GRADES: 9-12 (Standards: H.B.6A, H.E.6A, H.E.4A)

Benchmark: Evaluate complex biological and environmental systems and their interdependence. Compassion Education Alignment:

- High school students assess real-world conservation strategies and rehabilitation models.
- Teens research humane technology, sustainable practices, and ecological ethics.
- Lessons reinforce systems thinking, STEM rigor, and community engagement.

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GRADES: K-2

- Empathy Practice: Students express feelings about the animals they observe.
- Compassion in Action: Classroom activities reinforce kindness and teamwork.

GRADES: 3-5

- Moral Reasoning: Students discuss fairness, care, and responsibility.
- Perspective-Taking: Reflections highlight the emotional world of animals.

GRADES: 6-8

- Personal Agency: Students develop voice and vision through real-world challenges.
- Ethical Leadership: Sanctuary-based scenarios inspire service-based thinking.

GRADES: 9-12

- Global Citizenship: Teens lead civic-minded initiatives blending STEM with heart.
- Emotional Intelligence: SEL supports confident, compassionate leadership.