

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

Presented by ReelTime Animal Rescue



## Transforming K-12 Classrooms with Compassion and Leadership

### TEXAS STEM & SEL BENCHMARK ALIGNMENT

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#### STEM Benchmarks Alignment

##### GRADES: K-2 (Standards: K.9A-C, 1.10A-C, 2.9A-C)

Benchmark: Identify basic needs of living things and explore environmental interactions. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students observe animals at sanctuaries receiving food, care, and protection.
- Livestreams encourage students to ask scientific questions about survival and adaptation.
- Early-grade activities include habitat comparisons and creative response journals.

##### GRADES: 3-5 (Standards: 3.9A-C, 4.9A-B, 5.9A-C)

Benchmark: Investigate life cycles, adaptations, and ecosystems. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students examine animal adaptations and sanctuary habitats.
- Lessons connect food chains, ecological relationships, and compassionate care.
- Cross-disciplinary projects include habitat building models and persuasive conservation essays.

##### GRADES: 6-8 (Standards: 6.12E, 7.10A-C, 8.11A-C)

Benchmark: Analyze organism interdependence, human impact, and sustainability. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Learners explore pollution, climate issues, and sanctuary solutions.
- Video case studies provide real-world scenarios for student problem-solving.
- Engineering-focused projects encourage design of humane innovations.

##### GRADES: 9-12 (Standards: Biology 12A-E, Environmental Systems 12A-C)

Benchmark: Examine ecological systems, biodiversity, and human-environment interaction. Compassion Education Alignment:

- High school students analyze global conservation efforts and sustainable practices.
- Research-driven projects build understanding of biology, ethics, and leadership.
- Students explore careers in veterinary science, ecology, and animal advocacy.

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#### GRADES: K-2

- Empathy Development: Students relate to rescued animals through observation and storytelling.
- Self-Awareness: Kids identify emotions and build emotional vocabulary.

#### GRADES: 3-5

- Social Awareness: Students explore themes of fairness, care, and responsibility.
- Decision-Making: Ethical rescue scenarios promote reflection and group discussion.

#### GRADES: 6-8

- Advocacy and Teamwork: Learners collaborate on sanctuary-based design and solution projects.
- Identity Development: Students reflect on their values and roles in community care.

#### GRADES: 9-12

- Global Engagement: Teens investigate complex global issues related to animal welfare and conservation.
- Leadership: SEL activities promote civic action and real-world problem-solving.