

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

Presented by ReelTime Animal Rescue



Transforming K-12 Classrooms with Compassion and Leadership

UTAH STEM & SEL BENCHMARK ALIGNMENT

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STEM Benchmarks Alignment

GRADES: K–2 (Standards: K.2.1–3, 1.2.1–4, 2.2.1–3)

Benchmark: Observe and explain the patterns and needs of living organisms. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students watch animal rescues and care routines in real-time.
- Activities reinforce animal classification, habitats, and basic needs.
- Drawing and journaling build STEM vocabulary and emotional connection.

GRADES: 3–5 (Standards: 3.2.1–4, 4.2.1–3, 5.3.1–3)

Benchmark: Understand inherited traits, adaptations, and interactions in ecosystems. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students explore animal adaptations and environmental factors impacting survival.
- Real-world video content supports claims, evidence, and reasoning strategies.
- Compassion Education provides context for conservation projects and ecosystem design.

GRADES: 6–8 (Standards: 6.4.1–4, 7.4.1–5, 8.4.1–5)

Benchmark: Analyze human impact on ecosystems and model solutions. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Livestream content illustrates biodiversity challenges and sanctuary interventions.
- Learners propose designs for sustainable and humane environments.
- Students engage in cause-effect reasoning across life and earth sciences.

GRADES: 9–12 (Standards: BIO.3.1–4, ESS.3.2–4, PHY.1.2, ENV.4.1–3)

Benchmark: Evaluate systems of life and develop evidence-based solutions. Compassion Education Alignment:

- High school students research ethical approaches to conservation and rescue.
- Projects tie biology and environmental systems to real rescue outcomes.
- Students analyze data, lead service learning, and advocate for sustainability.

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GRADES: K-2

- Compassion & Connection: Students understand the feelings of others through real-life animal care.
- Classroom Kindness: Interactive discussions help children connect SEL to nature.

GRADES: 3-5

- Ethical Thinking: Stories of rescue foster values of responsibility and fairness.
- Collaboration: Team projects build respect, listening, and purpose.

GRADES: 6-8

- Purpose Discovery: Students define identity and compassion in the context of civic science.
- Perspective-Taking: Livestreams provide diverse viewpoints and ethical dilemmas.

GRADES: 9-12

- Student Leadership: Learners design initiatives grounded in empathy and action.
- Civic Engagement: SEL encourages social responsibility and global awareness.