Compassion Education: CONNECT & INSPIRE

Presented by ReelTime Animal Rescue

Transforming K-12 Classrooms with Compassion and Leadership

WASHINGTON STEM & SEL BENCHMARK ALIGNMENT

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STEM Benchmarks Alignment

GRADES: K–2 (Standards: K-LS1-1, K-ESS3-1, 2-LS4-1)

Benchmark: Understand how living things meet their needs and relate to their environment. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students observe sanctuary animals receiving food, shelter, and medical care.

- Lessons support early observation and recording of animal behavior and needs.

- Hands-on activities include nature journaling, animal needs charts, and creative storytelling.

GRADES: 3–5 (Standards: 3-LS4-3, 4-LS1-1, 5-LS2-1, 5-ESS3-1)

Benchmark: Explore ecosystems, energy transfer, and human impact on the environment. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students analyze real-time examples of animal adaptation and ecosystem care.

- Rescue stories create case studies for discussion and scientific modeling.

- Learners engage in habitat protection planning and conservation-focused design.

GRADES: 6–8 (Standards: MS-LS2-1–5, MS-ESS3-3–5, MS-ETS1-1–4)

Benchmark: Evaluate the interdependence of organisms and design solutions to reduce human impact. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Sanctuary livestreams inspire investigations into biodiversity and ecological systems.

- Engineering challenges address humane housing, enrichment, and sustainability.

- Students lead solution-based projects with science, ethics, and advocacy.

GRADES: 9–12 (Standards: HS-LS2-6–8, HS-ESS3-4, HS-ETS1-3)

Benchmark: Apply science and engineering practices to global environmental problems. Compassion Education Alignment:

- High school students analyze sanctuary operations and global conservation models.

- Students gather and evaluate data from livestreams, expert interviews, and research.

- Projects explore careers in animal science, vet medicine, ecology, and activism.

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GRADES: K–2

- Empathy Building: Real-time rescue experiences help students identify with animals and caregivers.

- Emotional Vocabulary: Journals and discussions help children express compassion and curiosity.

GRADES: 3–5

- Social Awareness: Stories and livestreams highlight kindness, fairness, and responsibility.

- Decision-Making: Learners consider the ethical implications of care and conservation.

GRADES: 6–8

- Agency & Identity: Students reflect on personal values and animal welfare issues.

- Teamwork: Group projects focus on advocacy, invention, and empathy.

GRADES: 9–12

- Leadership: Learners take initiative in research and public engagement.

- Global Citizenship: SEL empowers students to act on environmental and social justice issues.