

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

Presented by ReelTime Animal Rescue



Transforming K-12 Classrooms with Compassion and Leadership

WEST VIRGINIA 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: Describe the needs of living organisms and patterns in the environment. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students watch real animals being fed, sheltered, and treated in rescue environments.
- Observation-based learning reinforces curiosity and critical thinking.
- Activities promote storytelling, life science vocabulary, and empathy.

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

Benchmark: Explore ecosystems, adaptations, and conservation ethics. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Livestreams provide inquiry-based exploration of animals in recovery.
- Students engage in food chain diagrams and ecosystem role-play.
- Projects include animal care journals, habitat design, and persuasive writing.

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

Benchmark: Understand interdependence, human impact, and engineering for good. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students study biodiversity through real-time, unscripted rescue footage.
- Rescue operations become case studies in sustainability and humane design.
- Learners propose, build, or present environmentally ethical solutions.

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

Benchmark: Apply science principles to ecosystems, population dynamics, and technology. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students research rescue protocols and global conservation models.
- Project-based learning integrates biology, ethics, and public policy.
- Learners prepare for careers in animal welfare, environmental science, and sustainability.

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GRADES: K-2

- Empathy & Kindness: Students build compassion by caring about animals' stories.
- Emotional Awareness: Children explore feelings and responsibility through classroom discussion.

GRADES: 3-5

- Community Values: SEL is nurtured through group discussions and rescue-themed writing.
- Personal Growth: Students connect values like fairness and courage to global challenges.

GRADES: 6-8

- Ethical Development: Students make reasoned decisions through perspective-taking and dialogue.
- Peer Collaboration: Group projects model cooperation, respect, and mutual goal-setting.

GRADES: 9-12

- Civic Identity: SEL fosters student agency and engagement with real-world problems.
- Resilience & Leadership: Learners create compassionate campaigns and outreach plans.