Compassion Education: *CONNECT & INSPIRE*

Presented by ReelTime Animal Rescue

Transforming K-12 Classrooms with Compassion and Leadership

WISCONSIN STEM & SEL BENCHMARK ALIGNMENT

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STEM Benchmarks Alignment

GRADES: K–2 (SEP 1–8)

Benchmark: Observe and ask questions about the natural world. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Livestreams of animal rescues encourage students to ask why and how.

- Young learners connect to real-world science by seeing animals' needs met.

- Educators use the content for storytelling, classification, and basic cause/effect.

GRADES: 3–5 (SEP 1–8, SCI.LS2.5.E)

Benchmark: Develop models and identify patterns in living systems. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students identify relationships between organisms and their environments.

- Rescue footage provides examples of food chains, adaptation, and survival strategies.

- Projects include building models of habitats and predicting animal behavior.

GRADES: 6–8 (SCI.LS2.6.M, SCI.ESS3.6.M, SEP 1–8)

Benchmark: Analyze the effect of human activity on ecosystems. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Middle school students examine biodiversity loss and ethical animal treatment.

- Students engineer solutions to habitat destruction and propose care strategies.

- Lessons focus on data analysis, persuasive presentation, and conservation impact.

GRADES: 9–12 (SCI.ENV.9-12.A–F, SCI.LS2.9-12.A, SEP 1–8)

Benchmark: Use models and scientific evidence to explore global systems and ethics. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students conduct authentic research based on real-time animal rescue scenarios.

- Learners evaluate ethical dimensions of environmental decisions.

- Capstone projects include community education campaigns and global comparisons.

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- Empathy: Students connect emotionally with animals through daily interactions.

- Positive Behavior: Kindness is reinforced through example and discussion.

GRADES: 3–5

- Perspective-Taking: Students consider the feelings and experiences of rescued animals.

- Ethical Choices: Learners reflect on what it means to be responsible caretakers.

GRADES: 6–8

- Peer Collaboration: Students work together on rescue-themed design and research.

- Resilience & Voice: SEL is integrated with advocacy and action.

GRADES: 9–12

- Leadership: Students use compassion as a guide to influence their community.

- Agency: Teens develop self-awareness and purpose-driven engagement.