

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

Presented by ReelTime Animal Rescue



Transforming K-12 Classrooms with Compassion and Leadership

WYOMING 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 what living things need to survive and how humans impact the environment. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students witness animals receiving proper care in sanctuaries.
- Livestreams encourage observation, comparison, and discussion.
- Teachers use related science journaling and story-building activities.

GRADES: 3-5 (Standards: 3-LS4-3, 4-ESS3-1, 5-PS3-1, 5-ESS3-1)

Benchmark: Model ecosystems, explain energy flow, and identify human impacts. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students examine food chains and environmental responsibility through real rescues.
- Live footage and curated lessons encourage problem-solving and environmental design.
- Activities include writing persuasive pieces about conservation.

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

Benchmark: Analyze biodiversity and engineer ethical, sustainable solutions. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students analyze the complex needs of different animal species in care.
- Learners build proposals to support ecosystems and reduce human-animal conflict.
- Lessons connect biology, engineering, ethics, and empathy.

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

Benchmark: Explore global environmental challenges using evidence and design. Compassion Education Alignment:

- High school students engage with crosscutting issues: conservation, climate, and ethics.
- Livestream content fosters case studies, debates, and innovation.
- Final projects promote community outreach and sustainable action.

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GRADES: K-2

- Kindness in Action: Students explore feelings and fairness through animal stories.
- Regulation: Simple SEL routines promote safety, calm, and care.

GRADES: 3-5

- Empathy & Voice: Learners imagine life from an animal's perspective.
- Cooperation: Team activities mirror the values of care and respect.

GRADES: 6-8

- Ethical Thinking: Middle schoolers reflect on justice, responsibility, and impact.
- Group Leadership: Students develop advocacy plans and work in teams.

GRADES: 9-12

- Personal Agency: Teens identify values and connect learning to purpose.
- Civic Compassion: Projects focus on action for animal welfare and environmental change.