

What the teachers say.

"It was just wonderful, so we thank you all enormously. These little people are now even more passionate about saving animals. You all did a tremendous job with the presentation."

Susan Blanche, Teacher, German European School Singapore.

"We were impressed by how the HEAL programme was designed in a spiral, progressive manner — first educating the students on the key issues, then culminating in opportunities for activism. I believe what they have learnt is something they will remember for a long time to come. The interactive talk is a really good concept and the messages were very clearly conveyed and reiterated. Feedback from the kids is that they really enjoyed it and many of them are declaring that they want to be "wildlife protectors"

Miss Marianne Ha, Pastoral Care Co-ordinator, Cedar Primary School.



HEAL. Brought to you by ACRES.

ACRES (Animal Concerns Research & Education Society) is a pioneering local charity and Institution of Public Character, founded by Singaporeans in 2001 with the aim of promoting animal welfare.

We have six focus areas: Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation, Wildlife Crime Investigation, Captive Animal Welfare, Education, Community Outreach and promoting Cruelty-Free Living.

We believe education is the key to ending animal cruelty. We work closely with schools and community groups in order to ensure that today's children grow up with empathy, compassion and respect for all animals as well as each other, and are inspired to change their world for the better.



Contact us

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Inspiring children to create a kinder world.

HEAL (Humane Education for All Life)

HEAL is a Humane Education programme for primary schools
Brought to you in Singapore by
ACRES (Animal Concerns Research & Education Society)
and supported by
WSPA (World Society for the Protection of Animals)

"Teaching a child not to step on a caterpillar is as valuable to the child as it is to the caterpillar."

Bradley Millar.



Humane Education teaches compassion towards all living beings.

Everyone agrees that the world could do with more love and understanding, and less violence and cruelty. An active step towards creating that world is humane education.

Humane education leads children to understand and appreciate how our planet's diverse environments, people and animals are all connected, related and interdependent. It helps them empathize with other living things, put themselves in another person's shoes, or see the world through another creature's eyes. It fosters a culture of caring and sharing. It gives the next generation the wisdom and understanding to form a compassionate and just society.

Humane education benefits everyone—children, animals and the earth.

When you teach children to be kind to animals, it's not just animals that benefit.

Studies show that compassion towards animals in early life is linked to compassion towards people in later life. Kind, considerate children inevitably become kind, considerate adults. And they continue to expand their circle of compassion to include their neighbourhood, their community, their country, their natural environment and their planet.

HEAL. Inspiring hundreds of Singaporeans children every year

Children love to learn about animals' lives, lives that are so fascinatingly different from our own. But little do our little ones realise the power they themselves have to affect those animals' lives, by their daily actions, both thoughtless and thoughtful.

The ACRES HEAL programme encourages our Singaporean children to use their power for good—to act positively, to live thoughtfully, to save the natural environments, protect the weak and the voiceless, nurture the web of life, and make it richer, stronger, ever more beautiful.

You can help your students tap into their passion, and create a more compassionate society, by bringing the ACRES HEAL Programme to your school!

Designed to fit the curriculum. And customisable to the school's needs.

The HEAL programme comes in four customisable modules. They include a Teacher's Pack for all the teachers, with background information on all the topics covered, as well as plenty of ideas for follow-up lessons and classroom activities.

All lesson plans and activities tie in with the school curriculum, primarily in the areas of Civics and Moral Education and Science. Those contained in the Teacher's Pack link widely to other subjects, ranging from English to Art and Craft.

Modules 1-3: interactive modules in your school.

The first three modules can be delivered either to the entire school during assembly time, or to smaller classes. Our educational road show, with its engaging exhibits on wildlife protection, can be set up at your school to accompany these modules.

The modules themselves are in the form of interactive talks, presentations, skits and cartoons. They cover the following topics:

- Animals as sentient beings
- Threats to rainforest animals and their habitats
- The wildlife trade
- Native wild animals of Singapore and how to protect them
- Making a difference (a motivational talk)

Module 4: A trip to the ACRES Wildlife Rescue Centre.

The last module is a visit to the ACRES Wildlife Rescue Centre (AWRC), where the children learn about ACRES' wildlife rescue efforts, and how they can get involved. At our Outdoor Conservation Classroom, they get to know Singapore's owls, pangolins, colugos and other precious native wildlife, and what it takes to protect these creatures. Naturally, this module is for smaller groups.

A proven positive impact.

Studies show that after going through the HEAL Programme, children become a lot more aware of how they can help animals, people and the environment. Comparison of questionnaires given to students both before and after participating in the HEAL Programme reveals a substantial increase in knowledge about animal and environmental protection issues following participation, as well as a higher percentage of students indicating empathy towards others.

