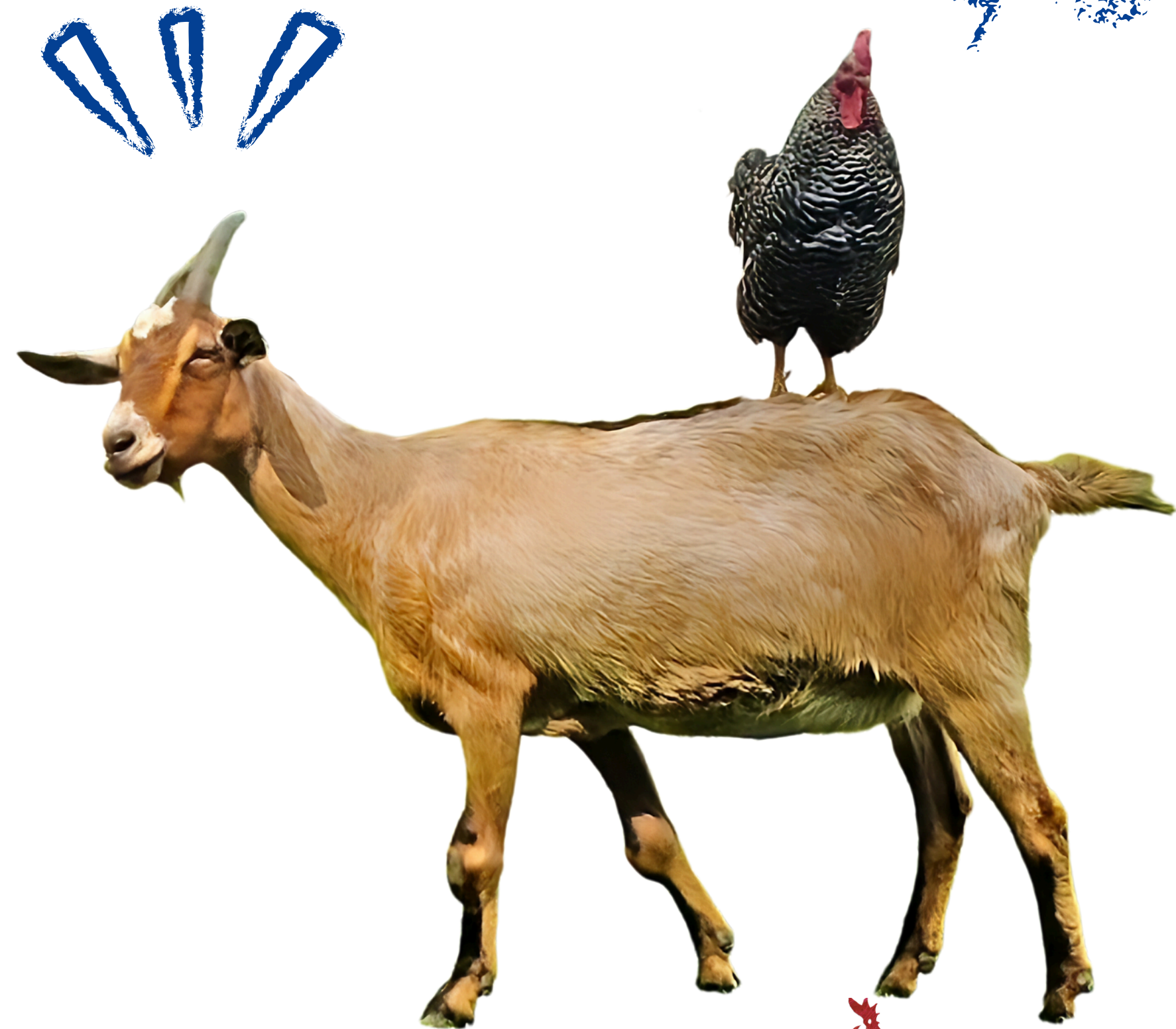


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A HUMANE EDUCATION PROGRAM PRESENTED BY:





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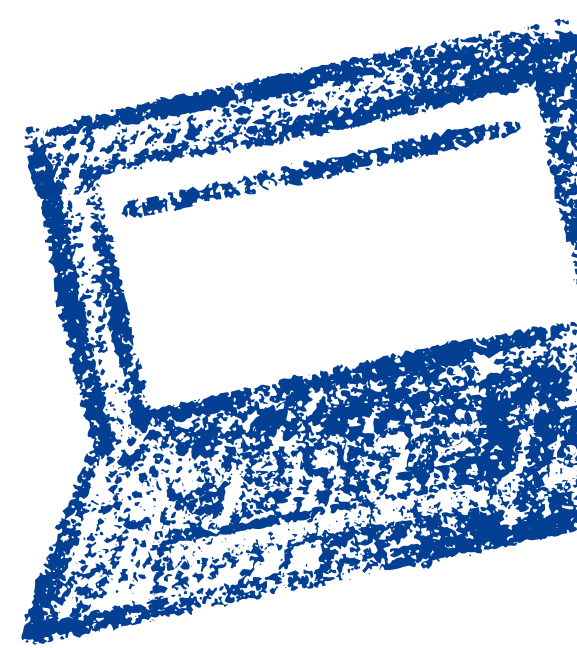
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A free, virtual humane education program for middle school students created by VINE Sanctuary.

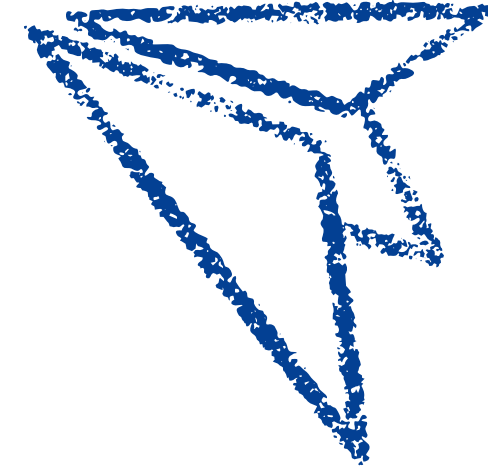
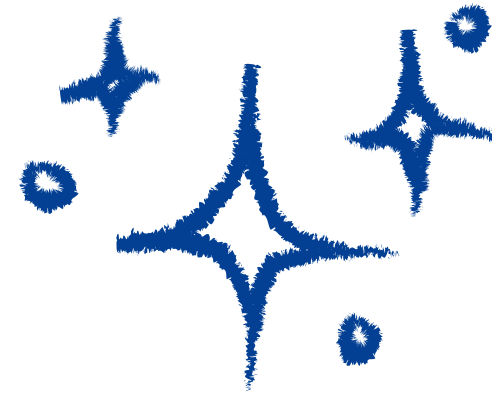
While learning about animals, ecology, culture, and community, students explore a big question:

How do we live well with other animals, one another, and the world we share?

NATURE is a free, virtual program for classrooms, homeschool groups, and other learning communities.



MEET ANIMALS. ASK BIGGER QUESTIONS.



NATURE begins with **real animals living at VINE Sanctuary.**

Students get to know animal ambassadors such as Lemoncello, a rescued sheep whose personality, relationships, preferences, and choices remind us that every animal is an individual.

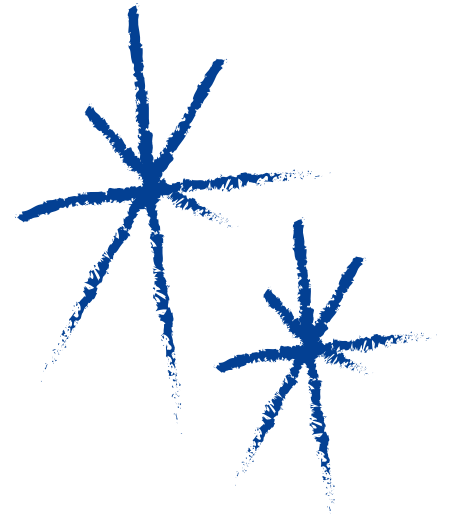
Their stories become starting points for broader investigation.

Students might observe, research, discuss, create, problem-solve, and work on projects that connect what they are learning to their own schools and communities.





HUMANE EDUCATION FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL



Middle school students are already asking questions about fairness, belonging, identity, systems, and the kind of world they want to live in.

NATURE gives them a place to explore those questions through the lives of animals and the communities we share.

Students move beyond simply learning about animals to examining:

- how individual lives are shaped by larger systems
- how categories and assumptions influence the way others are treated
- the connections between human, animal, and environmental well-being
- how cultures change
- how empathy can become action



WHAT STUDENTS EXPLORE

Across the school year, NATURE introduces a new theme each month, including:

Individual Lives in a System

Seeing the individual inside the larger systems that shape their life.

Categories & Consequences

Exploring labels, assumptions, and how categorization affects treatment.

Needs, Care & Community

What do living beings need to flourish and what responsibilities come with living together?

Ecological Interdependence

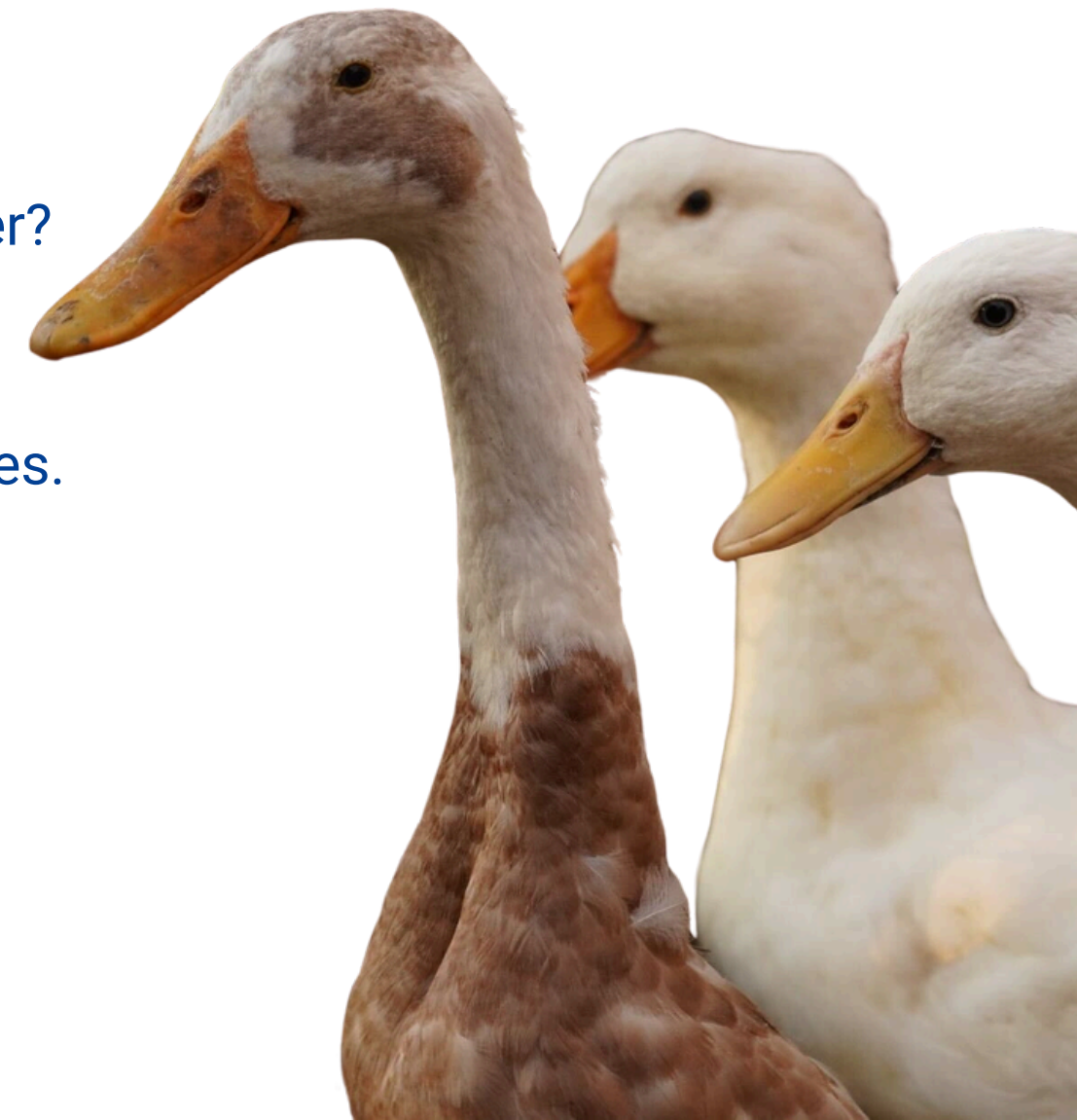
Discovering the relationships connecting animals, humans, ecosystems, and communities.

Culture & Shifting Norms

How beliefs and practices change and how change happens.

Designing a Humane Future

Students imagine and develop their own ideas for a more compassionate world.





BRING N.A.T.U.R.E. TO YOUR STUDENTS

NATURE is designed to be:



FREE

No cost to participating classrooms or groups.



VIRTUAL

Participate from anywhere.



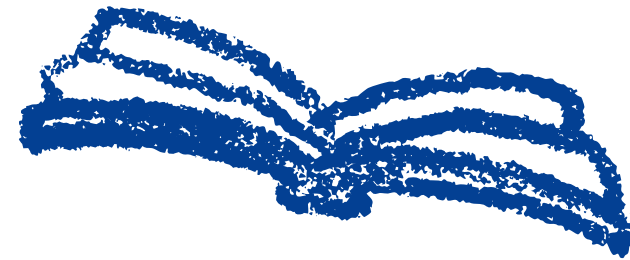
FLEXIBLE

Designed to complement existing classroom or homeschool learning.



CROSS-CURRICULAR

Lessons are Common Core aligned in Reading, Writing, Speaking & Listening, and Language, with connections to Social Studies (ethics & civics) and Science (ecology).



PROJECT-BASED

Students investigate, create, collaborate, and imagine solutions.



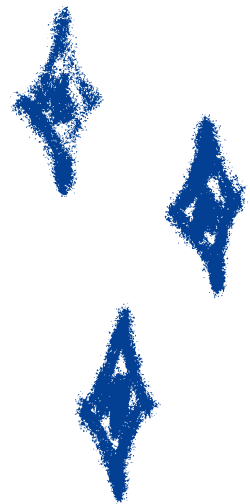
ACCESSIBLE & INCLUSIVE

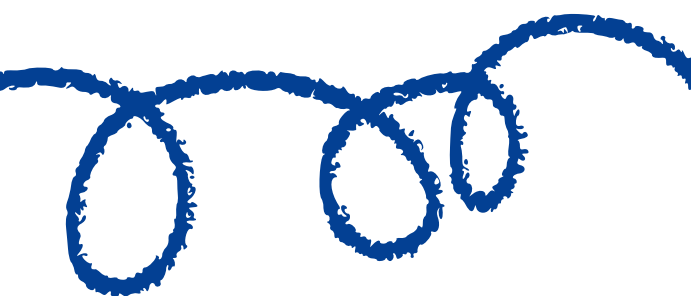
Materials are designed using UDL principles and ADA accessibility standards, with SEL skills-including empathy, relationship-building, and ethical decision-making- integrated throughout.



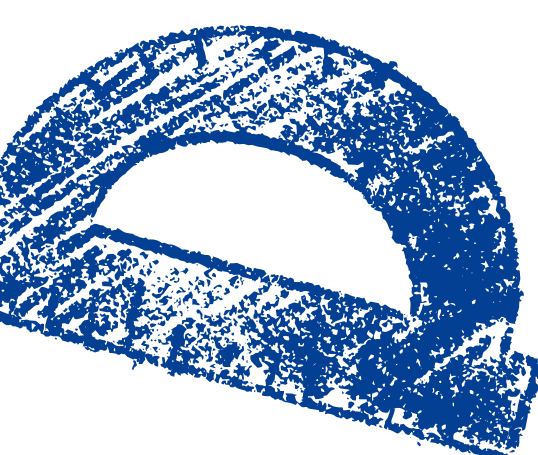
ROOTED IN REAL LIVES

Lessons connect students with animals and the multispecies community of VINE Sanctuary.





JOIN US FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR.



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