



Dear Compassionate Citizen,

School is for learning not just reading, writing and arithmetic, but also empathy and compassion. Most educators strive to stress the importance of respecting the lives of others, but sometimes animals lives are not included in those lessons. In my position of responsibility as an educator of children of India, I find that humane education is essential. After all, empathy is a learned behaviour and hence, must be taught.

The teaching materials in the *Compassionate Citizen* programme are an invaluable addition to any classroom. Because children naturally identify with animals, teaching children that animal lives are to be valued and protected allows them to extend the scope of their compassion. Efforts of promoting compassion and empathy are beneficial not just to the animals, but they also lead students to treat each other kindly and grow up to be compassionate citizens.

Regards,

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