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MP Kate Green said: "I want to say a big thank you to the excellent organisations who took

part. I'm looking forward to further campaigning on these important issues."

Sensible dog owners lead the way at park

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MARVELLOUS mutts and their responsible owners celebrated being sensible.

Streftord and Urmston MP Kate Green hosted an event to promote responsible dog ownership in Victoria Park.

She was joined by Manchester and Salford RSPCA, the Blue Cross, Guide Dogs for the Blind, GMP and dog training schools, Perfect Paws and Flixton Dog Training Club.

The charities micro-chipped pets for free and provided educational games for children, who also got to

meet two guide dogs. Owners could speak to trainers and officers about the about the importance of good dog training, as well as the law.

Kate said: "I was really pleased to meet so many lovely dogs and their owners. "I have been contacted by many residents who are rightly concerned about aggressive dog behaviour in our parks and dog fouling and so I was happy to host a community event for people to have a conversation about responsible dog ownership, as well as take part in fun activities for all the family."



● Kate Green MP with winners of the 'draw your favourite dog' competition



● From left, Zoe Foster, from Guide Dogs for the Blind, with two guide dogs, Kate Green MP with Joy Thornton, who owns Flixton Dog Training Club and Kate Green with dog owner Adam Preston and dog Lilly

THE number of people admitted to hospital with dog bites has gone up by more than 40 per cent.

The Health and Social Care Information Centre figures, revealed by

Streftord and Urmston MP Kate Green, show admissions in the borough had almost doubled since last June.

The MP is backing the Blue Cross appeal 'RespectABULL' which promotes

responsible dog ownership.

Kate said: "I'm extremely concerned that the number of people going to hospital after being bitten by dogs has gone up so dramatically in the past year.

"As the Blue Cross suggests, the best way to tackle the situation is by chatting directly to young people, the dog owners of tomorrow, about responsible pet ownership."