The text of the online survey follows.

The first line of our standard reads: "The English Springer Spaniel is a medium-sized sporting dog, with a compact body and a docked tail." The Parent Club sent a letter to all judges a couple years ago, stating: "While an undocked (natural) tail may not be customary or preferred in the US, it is acceptable; it is not to be considered a fault."

There will always be some people who ignore a Parent Club request, a lot of judges ignore long-tailed dogs. Some of them excuse them. That is not acceptable. The judge at the national host club show last year did exactly that, which triggered a huge amount of hostility amongst many exhibitors. Thus, the "Tail Committee" was asked to do what none of us really wanted to do - revise the official standard. Please note that NO OTHER WORDING will be changed in the standard - only this line, in the first paragraph.

Please vote on your choice in this matter:

1. The English Springer Spaniel is a medium-sized sporting dog, with a compact body and, traditionally, a docked tail. A natural (undocked) tail is also permitted - neither is to be given preference.

2. The English Springer Spaniel is a medium-sized sporting dog, with a compact body and, traditionally, a docked tail. A natural (undocked) tail is permitted but not preferred.

3. No change should be made to the standard regarding tail length.