

PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC.

Form 8-K

May 26, 2005

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT
TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

May 26, 2005

Date of report

PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Minnesota
(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

0-20572
(Commission File Number)

41-0886515
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

1031 Mendota Heights Road

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St. Paul, Minnesota 55120

(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)

(651) 686-1600

(Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code)

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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ITEM 2.02 RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On May 26, 2005, Patterson Companies, Inc. issued a press release announcing its fiscal year 2005 financial results for the fourth quarter and twelve months ended April 30, 2005. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

(b)-(c) On May 26, 2005, Patterson Companies, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that James W. Wiltz was promoted to Chief Executive Officer of the Company effective May 31, 2005. Mr. Wiltz is currently President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company. Mr. Wiltz will retain his position as President, but the position of Chief Operating Officer has been eliminated under the Company's management transition plan. Peter L. Frechette will continue as Chairman of the Board. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) EXHIBITS

99 Press release of Patterson Companies, Inc., dated May 26, 2005.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC.

Date: May 26, 2005

By: /s/ R. Stephen Armstrong

R. Stephen Armstrong
Executive Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)

EXHIBIT INDEX

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