

PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC.

Form 8-K

September 30, 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

September 30, 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 8.01 OTHER EVENTS

On September 27, 2005, Patterson Companies, Inc. named David P. Sproat as president of its subsidiary, Patterson Medical Products, Inc. Sproat joined Patterson Companies in 1997, and has served in various sales and marketing capacities, most recently as Vice President of Sales for the Patterson Dental Supply, Inc. unit since July 2004.

Sproat will be responsible for Patterson Medical's North American operations. David Amson will continue as managing director of the Homecraft Ltd. unit which conducts Patterson Medical's international operations. Edward L. Donnelly, who took over as president of Patterson Medical in October 2004, when Howard A. Schwartz took a long-term disability leave and subsequently died, remains with Patterson Medical. Sproat, Amson, and Donnelly are not principal officers of Patterson Companies.

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: September 30, 2005

By: /s/ R. Stephen Armstrong

R. Stephen Armstrong
Executive Vice President, Treasurer and
Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer and Principal

Accounting Officer)