

PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC.  
Form 8-K  
October 06, 2009

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**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**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): 10/06/2009**

**PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Commission File Number: 0-20572**

**MN**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**41-0886515**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**1031 Mendota Heights Road**  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55120  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

**651-686-1600**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

(b)(c) On October 6, 2009 Patterson Companies, Inc. announced that James W. Wiltz, President and Chief Executive Officer, will retire at the end of the current fiscal year as of April 24, 2010. The Board of Directors named Scott P. Anderson, currently the president of the Patterson Dental Supply, Inc. subsidiary, as Mr. Wiltz' successor. A copy of the press release issued by the Company on October 6, 2009 announcing the retirement of Mr. Wiltz and the appointment of Mr. Anderson as Mr. Wiltz' successor 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**

(d) Exhibits

99 Press release of Patterson Companies, Inc., dated October 6, 2009.

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**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: October 06, 2009

By: /s/ R. Stephen Armstrong

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

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
EX-99.doc	Press release of Patterson Companies, Inc., dated October 6, 2009