

PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC.

Form 8-K

September 15, 2004

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 14, 2004

Date of report

PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Minnesota (State or Other	0-20572 (Commission	41-0886515 (IRS Employer
Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	File Number)	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)

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS

On September 14, 2004, the registrant's board of directors declared and the registrant announced a 2-for-1 stock split in the form of a 100% stock dividend. The registrant also announced a share repurchase program pursuant to which the company may purchase up to three million (pre-split) common shares (six million post-split shares) in open market transactions. For further information, please refer to the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 which is incorporated by reference herein.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) EXHIBITS

Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated September 14, 2004, announcing a 2-for-1 stock split and a share repurchase program.

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 15, 2004

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

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
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