

PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC.  
Form 8-K  
December 23, 2005

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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

**December 23, 2005**

**Date of report**

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**PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC.**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)**

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**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 December 23, 2005, Patterson Companies, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release announcing the resignation of Scott R. Kabbes, president of the Patterson Dental Supply, Inc. unit, effective December 31, 2005. Mr. Kabbes is not a principal officer of the Company. James W. Wiltz, in addition to his current roles as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, will assume the leadership of the dental business on an interim basis at least through the end of fiscal 2006 ending April 29, 2006. 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 December 23, 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: December 23, 2005

By: /s/ R. Stephen Armstrong

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R. Stephen Armstrong

Executive Vice President, Treasurer and Chief

Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer and Principal

Accounting Officer)

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
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