

PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC.

Form 8-K

November 24, 2004

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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**

**November 24, 2004**

**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 2.02 RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On November 24, 2004, Patterson Companies, Inc. issued a press release announcing its financial results for the second quarter of fiscal year 2005 ended October 30, 2004. 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 November 24, 2004.

**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: November 24, 2004

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>
99	Press release of Patterson Companies, Inc., dated November 24, 2004.