

PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC.

Form 8-K

December 10, 2008

**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**

**December 8, 2008**

**Date of report**

**PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC.**

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

**Minnesota**  
**(State or Other Jurisdiction)**

**0-20572**  
**(Commission File Number)**

**41-0886515**  
**(IRS Employer)**

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of Incorporation)

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:

- .. 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))

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangement of Certain Officers.**

(d) On December 8, 2008, the Board of Directors of Patterson Companies, Inc. (the Company ) elected Les C. Vinney as a member of the Board of the Company. Mr. Vinney will join the Board effective immediately and will serve on the compensation and governance committees. At the Annual Meeting in 2009, Mr. Vinney will be a nominee for election as Director for a term expiring at the Annual Meeting in 2011. A copy of a press release issued by the Company on December 9, 2008, announcing the election of Mr. Vinney 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 December 9, 2008.

**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 10, 2008

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**

**Exhibit**

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