PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC.

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

Buck John D

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

12/12/2006

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC. [PDCO]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

4201 GULF SHORE

BOULEVARD NORTH #1703

(Street)

X Director Officer

10% Owner Other (give title below) (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

NAPLES, ÂFLÂ 34103

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities

Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

Ownership Form:

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable

Expiration Date

Title

Amount or Number of Shares

Derivative Security

Direct (D) or Indirect

(I)

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(Instr. 5)

Director Stock Optiions $\hat{A} \stackrel{(1)}{=} 12/12/2016 \frac{\text{Common}}{\text{Stock}} 12,000 $37.11 D <math>\hat{A}$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Buck John D

4201 GULF SHORE BOULEVARD NORTH #1703 Â X Â Â

NAPLES, FLÂ 34103

Signatures

Matthew L. Levitt, by Power of Attorney 12/12/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) 4,000 shares are exercisable on December 12 of each 2007, 2008 and 2009.

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