

PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC.

Form 8-K

March 16, 2010

**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**

**March 16, 2010**

**Date of report**

**PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC.**

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

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(State or Other Jurisdiction

(Commission

(IRS Employer

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:

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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 March 16, 2010 the Company's Board of Directors approved initiating a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.10 per share. The first such dividend will be payable April 20, 2010 to shareholders of record as of the close of business on April 2, 2010. The Company has issued a press release announcing the initiation of the quarterly cash dividend. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

**ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

**(d) EXHIBITS**

99.1 Press release of Patterson Companies, Inc., dated March 16, 2010.

**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: March 16, 2010

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**

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