

PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC.

Form 8-K

December 26, 2007

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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 20, 2007**

**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**

**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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Item 8.01 OTHER EVENTS

On December 20, 2007, the board of directors of Patterson Companies, Inc. (the Company ) approved an increase in the number of shares that can be acquired under its existing share repurchase plan from 6 million to 25 million shares. The shares can be purchased in open market transactions through December 31, 2012.

In addition, on December 21, 2007 the Company adopted a written trading plan under Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to facilitate share repurchases between December 24, 2007 and May 31, 2008. A Rule 10b5-1 trading plan allows the Company to repurchase its common stock in the open market during periods in which stock trading is otherwise closed for the Company.

A press release dated December 24, 2007 that describes the expanded share repurchase plan and the adoption of the written trading plan was issued by the Company. A copy of this press release is furnished as exhibit 99 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) EXHIBITS

99 Press release dated December 24, 2007

**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 26, 2007

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>
99	Press release dated December 24, 2007