

PATTERSON DENTAL CO  
Form 8-K  
July 01, 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**

July 1, 2004

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported)

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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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ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

Reference is made to the press release issued to the public by the registrant on July 1, 2004 announcing the change of the registrant's name from Patterson Dental Company to Patterson Companies, Inc. Such press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99 and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99      Press release dated July 1, 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: July 1, 2004

By: /s/ R. Stephen Armstrong

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R. Stephen Armstrong  
Executive Vice President, Treasurer and Chief  
Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b><u>Exhibit Number</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
99	Press release announcing change of registrant's name, dated July 1, 2004.