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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

Date of report/(Date of earliest event reported)

September 8, 2016

PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Minnesota (State or Other Jurisdiction 0-20572 (Commission 41-0886515 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

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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 September 8, 2016, Patterson Companies, Inc. (the Company) entered into a stock repurchase plan established in accordance with Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the 1934 Act), in connection with its previously disclosed board-authorized March 2013 plan to purchase up to 25 million shares through March 19, 2018. As of September 8, 2016, a total of approximately 16.0 million shares remain available for purchase under such repurchase authorization. A Rule 10b5-1 plan allows a company to repurchase its shares at times when it otherwise might be unable to do so under the 1934 Act s insider trading rules.

The Company s designated broker has authority under the Company s 10b5-1 repurchase plan agreement (the Plan) to repurchase up to \$25 million of the Company s common stock through November 24, 2016, unless terminated earlier in accordance with the terms of the Plan. Because the repurchases under the Plan will be subject to specified parameters and certain price and volume restraints as established in the Plan, there is no guarantee as to the exact number of shares that will be repurchased, or that there will be any repurchases at all pursuant to the Plan.

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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.

By: /s/ LES B. KORSH Les B. Korsh Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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Date: September 12, 2016