

PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC.  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 ARMSTRONG R STEPHEN

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC.  
 [PDCO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/31/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP & CFO

PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC., 1031 MENDOTA HEIGHTS RD.

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

ST. PAUL, MN 55120

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	12/31/2009		A <sup>(1)</sup>	208	\$ 16.51	D	
Common Stock	12/31/2009		A <sup>(2)</sup>	957	\$ 14.57	D	

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
Employee Stock Options	<u>(3)</u>					<u>(4)</u> <u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	36,292

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ARMSTRONG R STEPHEN PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC. 1031 MENDOTA HEIGHTS RD. ST. PAUL, MN 55120			EVP & CFO	

## Signatures

Matthew L. Levitt, by Power of Attorney  
Date: 12/31/2009

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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) Patterson Companies, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (2) Patterson Companies, Inc. Capital Accumulation Plan.
- (3) Options granted are as follows: 10,068 on 05/01/2000 at \$12.1875, 8,806 on 04/30/2001 at \$15.28, 6,200 on 04/29/2002 at \$22.57, 7,288 on 04/28/2003 at \$19.965 and 3,930 on 4/26/2004 at \$38.50.
- (4) Options are exercisable as follows: 10,068 on 5/01/2009; 8,806 on 4/30/2010; 6,200 on 4/29/2011, 7,288 on 04/28/2012, and 3,930 on 4/26/2013.
- (5) All grants expire 10 years after grant date.

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