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ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended April 25, 2009

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____

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PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Minnesota
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

41-0886515
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

**1031 Mendota Heights Road
St. Paul, Minnesota 55120**
(Address of principal executive offices including Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (651) 686-1600

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: Common Stock, par value \$.01

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Act Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months, and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definition of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

The aggregate market value of voting stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant, computed by reference to the closing sales price as quoted on the NASDAQ Global Select Market on October 25, 2008, was approximately \$2,432,000,000. (For purposes of this calculation all of the registrant's officers, directors, presidents of operating units and 10% owners known to the Company are deemed affiliates of the registrant.)

As of June 22, 2009, there were 122,201,790 shares of Common Stock of the registrant issued and outstanding.

Documents Incorporated By Reference

Portions of the registrant's definitive proxy statement to be filed pursuant to Regulation 14A within 120 days after the registrant's fiscal year-end of April 25, 2009 are incorporated by reference into Part III.

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PART I

Item 1. BUSINESS

Certain information of a non-historical nature contained in Items 1, 2, 3 and 7 of this Form 10-K includes forward-looking statements. Reference is made to Item 7—Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Factors that May Affect Future Operating Results, for a discussion of certain factors that could cause the Company’s actual operating results to differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements.

General

In June 2004, the Company changed its corporate name from Patterson Dental Company to Patterson Companies, Inc. (“Patterson” or the “Company”). Patterson retained its existing Nasdaq stock symbol—PDCO. The corporate name change was adopted to reflect Patterson’s expanding base of business, which now encompasses the veterinary and rehabilitation supply markets, as well as its traditional base of operations in the dental supply market. Patterson’s operating units include Patterson Dental, Webster Veterinary and Patterson Medical.

Patterson is a value-added distributor serving three major markets:

- North American dental supply;
- U.S. companion-pet (dogs, cats and other common household pets) and equine veterinary supply;
- And the worldwide rehabilitation and assistive products supply market.

Unless otherwise indicated, all references to Patterson or the Company include its subsidiaries: Patterson Dental Holdings, Inc., Direct Dental Supply Co., Patterson Dental Canada Inc., Patterson Dental Supply, Inc., Webster Veterinary Supply, Inc., PDC Funding Company, LLC, PDC Funding Company II, LLC, Patterson Technology Center, Inc., Patterson Office Supplies, Inc., Webster Management LP, Patterson Medical Holdings, Inc., Patterson Medical Supply, Inc., Sammons Preston Canada, Inc., Tumble Forms, Inc., Midland Manufacturing Company Inc., Patterson Logistics Services, Inc., Accu-Bite, Inc., Accu-Bite Products Limited Liability Company, Williamston Industrial Center, LLC, Strategic Dental Marketing, Inc., Homecraft Rolyan Limited, Patterson Medical Ltd., Mobilis Healthcare Group Ltd., Halo Healthcare Ltd., County Footwear Ltd., Archway Distribution Inc., Arco Dental Inc., Provi-Modern Medical International Inc. Columbus Serum Company, CSC High Plains, LLC, CSC South, LLC, Dolphin Imaging Systems, LLC, Dolphin Practice Management, LLC and Kinetec SA.

Patterson began distributing dental supplies in 1877. The modern history of the business dates to May 1985, when the Company’s management and certain investors purchased the Company from a subsidiary of The Beatrice Companies, Inc. Patterson became a publicly traded company in October 1992. The Company is a corporation organized under the laws of the state of Minnesota.

The Company historically reported one operating segment, dental supply. In July 2001, the Company purchased the veterinary supply assets of J. A. Webster, Inc., which became a reportable business segment. Then in September 2003, the Company acquired AbilityOne Products Corp., creating a third business segment which serves the rehabilitation supply market.

The Company’s three reportable segments, dental supply, veterinary supply and rehabilitation supply, are strategic business units that offer similar products and services to different customer bases. Each business is a market leader with a strong competitive position, serves a fragmented market that offers consolidation opportunities and offers relatively low-cost consumable supplies, making the Company’s value-added business proposition highly attractive to customers.

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Shared Services Initiative

The Company has continued to consolidate its distribution infrastructure and business systems over the past several years. With respect to the distribution infrastructure, beginning in fiscal 2005, the consolidation of facilities began with a facility in Columbia, SC that replaced the individual dental and veterinary distribution centers that were serving this region. As of April 25, 2009, there are seven facilities that serve two or three of the Company's business units. These strategically located facilities enable the Company to realize operating efficiencies and improve customer service.

In fiscal 2008, the first shared sales branch office locations were established, enabling multiple business units to operate at one physical location. As of April 25, 2009, there are four shared locations and the Company plans to leverage additional branch sharing between two or three business units in select markets in fiscal 2010 and beyond.

The Patterson Technology Center ("PTC") has staff dedicated to the support of the technology offerings of each of the Company's business units. Such technology product and service offerings have expanded in recent years and will continue to be a focus of the Company. The PTC supports over 45,000 customers nationwide, with a goal to resolve any situation in one call, whether the question or concern involves hardware, software, computer networking or digital technology. In addition, the PTC provides network installation, customer training and develops customer order entry systems for the Company's businesses.

Dental Supply

Overview

As Patterson's largest business, Patterson Dental is one of the two largest distributors of dental products in North America. The business has operations in the United States and Canada. Patterson Dental, a full-service, value-added supplier to dentists, dental laboratories, institutions, and other healthcare professionals, provides: consumable products (including x-ray film, restorative materials, hand instruments and sterilization products); basic and advanced technology dental equipment; practice management and clinical software; patient education systems; and office forms and stationery. Patterson Dental offers its customers a broad selection of dental products including more than 90,000 stock keeping units ("SKUs") of which approximately 4,000 are private-label products sold under the Patterson name. Patterson Dental also offers customers a full range of related services including dental equipment installation, maintenance and repair, dental office design and equipment financing. Patterson Dental markets its dental products and services through approximately 1,500 direct sales representatives, 279 of whom are equipment specialists.

Patterson Dental has over 125 years of experience providing quality service to dental professionals. Net sales of this segment have increased from \$165.8 million in fiscal 1986 to approximately \$2.2 billion in fiscal 2009 and profitability has increased from an operating loss in fiscal 1986 to operating income of \$264.5 million in fiscal 2009.

Patterson estimates the dental supply market it serves to be approximately \$6.8 billion annually and that its share of this market is approximately 32%. The underlying structure of the dental supply market consists of a sizeable geographically dispersed number of fragmented dental practices and is attractive for the Company's role as a value-added, full-service distributor. According to the American Dental Association, there are over 170,000 dentists practicing in the United States. In Canada, there are approximately 19,000 licensed dentists according to the Canadian Dental Association. The average general practitioner generated approximately \$670,000 in annual revenue in 2006, while the average specialty practitioner produces about \$925,000. The Company believes that a dentist uses between 5% and 7% of annual revenue to purchase consumable supplies used in the daily operations of the practice. This translates into between \$33,000 and \$47,000 of supplies being purchased by the average practice each year. The Company believes the average dental practitioner purchases about 40% of their supplies from their top supplier.

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Total expenditures for dental services in the United States increased from \$31 billion in 1990 to \$95 billion in 2007. The Company believes that the demand for dental services, equipment and supplies will continue to be influenced by the following factors:

- *Demographics.* The U.S. population grew from 235 million in 1980 to 305 million in 2008, and is expected to reach 325 million by 2015. The median age of the population is also increasing and the Company believes that older dental patients spend more on a per capita basis for dental services.
- *Dental products and techniques.* Technological developments in dental products have contributed to advances in dental techniques and procedures, including cosmetic dentistry and dental implants.
- *Demand for certain dental procedures.* Demand is growing for preventive dentistry and specialty services such as periodontic (the treatment of gums), endodontic (root canals), orthodontic (braces), and other dental procedures that enable patients to keep their natural teeth longer and improve their appearance.
- *Increased dental office productivity.* The number of dentists per 100,000 persons in the U.S. is forecasted to decline over the next two decades. As a result, the number of patients per dental practice is expected to grow. For this reason dentists are showing an increased willingness to invest in dental equipment and office infrastructure that can strengthen the productivity of their practices.
- *Demand for infection control products.* Greater public awareness as well as regulations and guidelines instituted by OSHA, the American Dental Association and state regulatory authorities have resulted in increased use of infection control (asepsis) products such as protective clothing, gloves, facemasks, and sterilization equipment to prevent the spread of communicable diseases such as AIDS, hepatitis and herpes.
- *Coverage by dental plans.* An increasing number of dental services are being funded by private dental insurance. In 2008, over 55% of the U.S. population had some form of dental coverage.

Strategy

Patterson's objective is to remain a leading national distributor of supplies, equipment and related services in the market while continuing to improve its profitability and enhance its value to customers. To achieve this objective, Patterson has adopted a strategy of emphasizing its value-added, full-service capabilities, using technology to enhance customer service, continuing to improve operating efficiencies, and growing through internal expansion and acquisitions.

Emphasizing Value-Added, Full-Service Capabilities. Patterson Dental is positioned to meet virtually all of the needs of dental practitioners by providing a full range of consumable supplies, equipment and software, and value-added services. The Company believes that its customers value full service and responsive delivery of quality supplies and equipment. Customers also increasingly expect suppliers to be knowledgeable about products and services, and generally a superior sales representative can create a special relationship with the practitioner by providing an informational link to the overall industry. The Company's knowledgeable sales representatives assist customers in the selection and purchase of supplies and equipment. In addition, the high quality sales force allows Patterson to offer broader product lines. Since most dental practices lack a significant degree of back office support, the convenience of our full-service capabilities enables dentists to spend more time with patients and, thus, generate additional revenues.

Patterson meets its customer's requirements by delivering frequent, small quantity orders rapidly and reliably from its strategically located distribution centers. Equipment specialists, service technicians and technology trainers also support the Company's value-added strategy in the dental supply market. Equipment specialists offer consultation on office design, equipment requirements and financing. Technology trainers from the PTC provide guidance on integrating technology solutions including practice management and clinical software, digital radiography, custom hardware and networking into the dental practice. The Company's

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experienced service technicians perform equipment installation, maintenance and repair services including services on products not purchased through Patterson.

Using Technology to Enhance Customer Service. As part of its commitment to providing superior customer service, the Company offers its customers easy order placement. The Company has offered electronic ordering capability to its dental supply segment since 1987 when it first introduced Remote Order Entry (REMOSM). The Company believes that its computerized order entry systems help to establish relationships with new customers and increase loyalty among existing customers. The remote order entry systems permit customers to place orders from their offices directly to Patterson 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Over the years, the Company has continued to introduce new order entry systems designed to meet the varying needs of its customers. Today the Company offers four systems to the dental supply segment, eMagine[®], REMOSM, PDXpress[®] and www.pattersondental.com. Customers, as well as the Company's sales force, use these systems. Over the years, the number of orders transmitted electronically has grown steadily to approximately 69% of Patterson's consumable dental product volume or \$840 million in fiscal year 2009.

In fiscal 2002, the Company introduced its newest order entry system, eMagine[®]. eMagine[®] has become the standard platform for the sales representative and includes many new features and upgrades including up to three years of order history for the customer's reference, faster searches for products and reports, order tracking, instant information on monthly product specials, descriptions and photographs of popular products and an electronic custom catalog, including a printable version with scannable bar codes.

For those dental customers not using eMagine[®], the Company offers two alternative order entry products. REMOSM gives customers direct and immediate ordering access through a personal computer to a database containing Patterson's complete inventory. PDXpress[®] is a handheld order entry system that eliminates handwritten order forms by permitting a user to scan a product bar code from an inventory tag system or from Patterson's bar-coded catalog. These systems, including eMagine[®], are provided at no additional charge to customers who maintain certain minimum purchase requirements.

The goal of the Company's Internet strategy is to distribute information and service related products over the Internet to enhance customers' practices and to increase sales force productivity. The Company's Internet environment includes order entry, access to "Patterson Today" articles and manufacturers' product information. Additionally, Patterson utilizes a tool, InfoSource, to provide real time customer and Company information to the Company's sales force, managers and vendors via the Internet.

In addition to enhancing customer service, by offering electronic order entry systems to its customers, the Company enables its sales representatives to spend more time with existing customers and to call on additional customers.

The Company's proprietary practice management and clinical software, EagleSoft[®], is developed and maintained by the PTC. The Company believes the PTC differentiates Patterson Dental from the competition by positioning Patterson Dental as the only company providing a single-source solution for the high-growth area of digital radiography. This technology, which the Company expects to be installed eventually in most dental offices, has a current market penetration of approximately 30%. Among its many specialized capabilities, the PTC provides system configuration, as well as the seamless integration of all digital operatory components with clinical software, including our EagleSoft[®] line. This integration creates an electronic patient database that combines the patient's front office record with digital information from the clinical x-ray, intraoral camera, CEREC and other digital equipment. Beginning in late fiscal 2008, the Company began offering EagleSoft practice management software for free to customers. The PTC also will network the digital x-ray system throughout the entire office and provide all required custom computer hardware for the system. In addition, the PTC provides installation and customer training, as well as a call center for troubleshooting customer problems and arranging for local service.

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Software and digital radiography customers also have access to the support capabilities of the PTC. The PTC provides support for our proprietary products as well as select branded product from our manufacturers. In addition to troubleshooting problems through its customer call center, the PTC designs and configures local area networks and assembles custom hardware. The PTC also develops and supports the Company's order entry systems.

Continuing to Improve Operating Efficiencies. Patterson continues to implement programs designed to improve operating efficiencies and allow for continued sales growth over time. These programs include a wide variety of initiatives from investing in management information systems to consolidating distribution centers. Recent initiatives include upgrading the Company's communications architecture, developing a new technical service system, and implementation of the shared services concept.

The Company has improved operating efficiencies by converting its communications architecture to faster, higher capacity data lines that combine voice and data transmissions. The Company has made substantial progress in the development of a new field service management tool for its technical service operations. This new tool will allow the Company to fundamentally change its technical service business processes, improving the Company's ability to coordinate the actions of its service technicians and enhancing customer service while reducing the overall cost of operations.

An integral part of the Company's shared services concept is the consolidation and leveraging of distribution centers between the segments of the Company, which began in fiscal 2005. As of April 2009, the dental segment shares seven distribution centers with one or both of the other operating units. In addition, the Company has begun to establish shared sales branch office locations between multiple segments. As a result of these and other efforts, the Company expects to continue to improve its operating leverage and efficiencies going forward.

Growing Through Internal Expansion and Acquisitions. The Company intends to continue to grow by opening additional sales offices, hiring established sales representatives, hiring and training college graduates as territory sales representatives, and acquiring other distributors in order to enter new markets and expand its customer base. The Company believes that it is well positioned to take advantage of expected continued consolidation in the dental distribution market. Over the past 20 years the Company has made a number of acquisitions, including the following:

Dental distribution acquisitions in the United States

- In August 1987, Patterson acquired the D.L. Saslow Co., which at the time was the third largest distributor of dental products in the United States. Between 1989 and 2005, Patterson acquired certain assets of 25 smaller dental dealers throughout the United States. During fiscal 2002, the Company acquired Thompson Dental Company of Columbia, SC, a leading value-added distributor of dental supplies, equipment and services in the mid-Atlantic and southeastern U.S. Thompson ranked among the 10 largest dental distributors in the country. In September 2005, the Company acquired Accu-Bite, Inc., a Michigan-based dental distributor with approximately 60 field sales representatives. In April 2008, a full-service regional distributor serving customers in the northeastern U.S., Leventhal & Sons, Inc., was acquired.

Dental distribution acquisitions in Canada

- In October 1993, Patterson Dental completed the acquisition of Healthco International, Inc.'s Canadian subsidiary, Healthco Canada, Inc. In August 1997, the Company acquired Canadian Dental Supply Ltd., which expanded the Company's market share in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Ontario. In July 2002, the Company acquired Distribution Quebec Dentaire, Inc., augmenting the Company's market share in Quebec. As a combined operation known as Patterson Dental Canada Inc.,

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this subsidiary, which the Company believes is one of the two largest full-service dental products distributors in Canada, employs approximately 520 people, 150 of whom are sales representatives.

- In September 2008, Patterson Dental acquired Denesca, a dental distributor serving the Toronto and Montreal markets.

Printed office products acquisitions

- In October 1996, Patterson acquired the Colwell Systems division of Deluxe Corporation. Colwell Systems, now known as Patterson Office Supplies, produces and sells a variety of printed office products used in medical, dental and veterinary offices, as well as other clinical based settings.

Software acquisitions

- In July 1997, Patterson Dental acquired EagleSoft, Inc., a developer and marketer of Windows®-based practice management and clinical software for dental offices. EagleSoft's operation, now known as the Patterson Technology Center, is located in Effingham, Illinois. In December 2001, the Company purchased Modern Practice Technologies, a company that provides custom computing solutions to the dental industry. This acquisition helped Patterson to position itself to provide all of the custom hardware and networking required for interfacing the entire dental office.
- In May 2004, Patterson Dental acquired CAESY Education Systems, Inc., the leading provider of electronic patient education services to dental practices in North America. Headquartered in Vancouver, Washington, CAESY provides dental practices with a range of communications media that educates patients about professional dental care, procedures and treatment alternatives with the goal of influencing patient decisions about dental services and increasing the productivity of the dental professional. Educational materials are communicated through CD/DVD media, computer programs and the dentist's web site. These materials can be used within the dental waiting room, at chair side and in the patient's home.
- In December 2008, Patterson Dental acquired Dolphin Imaging Systems, LLC and Dolphin Practice Management, LLC, the leading providers of 3D imaging and practice management software for specialized dental practitioners, including orthodontists, oral maxillofacial surgeons and dental radiologists. Dolphin's imaging software maximizes the benefit of cone beam and other digital photography and radiography systems. The Company believes there are no major competitors for Dolphin's full range of product. Additionally, certain elements of Dolphin's imaging software can be integrated into Patterson Dental's current line of EagleSoft software for general dental practitioners.

Products and Services

The following table sets forth the sales by principal categories of products and services offered to dental segment customers:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Consumable and printed products	56%	56%	56%
Equipment and software	34	34	35
Other ⁽¹⁾	10	10	9
Total	<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>

(1) Consists of other value-added products and services including technical service and software maintenance.

Consumable and Printed Products

Dental Supplies. Patterson offers a broad product line of consumable dental supplies such as x-ray film and solutions; impression materials; restorative materials (composites and alloys); hand instruments; sterilization

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products; anesthetics; infection control products such as protective clothing, gloves and facemasks; paper, cotton and other disposable products; toothbrushes and a full line of dental accessories including instruments, burs, and diamonds. In addition to representing a wide array of branded products from numerous manufacturers, Patterson also markets its own private label line of dental supplies including anesthetics, instruments, preventive and restorative products, and cotton and paper products. The private label line is used to complement the branded products where the customer is seeking a lower-cost alternative on a product that has become commoditized in the market. Compared to most name brand supplies, the private label line provides lower prices for the Company's customers and higher margins for the Company.

Printed Office Products. Patterson Dental provides a variety of printed office products, office filing supplies, and practice management systems to office-based healthcare providers including dental, veterinary and medical offices. Products include custom printed products, insurance and billing forms, stationery, envelopes and business cards, labels, file folders, appointment books and other stock office supply products. Products are sold through two channels:

- The Company's dental and veterinary supply sales force
- Direct mail catalogs distributed to over 100,000 customers several times a year

A staff of telemarketing personnel located in Champaign, Illinois supports both channels. Orders are received by telephone, through the mail or electronically from the dental and veterinary distribution order processing system.

Equipment and Software

Dental Equipment. Patterson Dental is the largest supplier of dental equipment in the U.S. and Canada. It offers a wide range of dental equipment products including x-ray machines, high-and low-speed handpieces, dental chairs, dental handpiece control units, diagnostic equipment, sterilizers, dental lights and compressors. The Company also distributes newer technology equipment that provides customers with the tools to improve productivity and patient satisfaction. Examples of such innovative and high-productivity products include the CEREC[®] family of products, a chair-side restoration system; digital x-rays; and intraoral cameras.

Software. Patterson develops and markets its own proprietary line of practice management and clinical software for dental professionals. Products include software for scheduling, billing, charting and capture/storage/retrieval of digital images. The Company also sells software products developed by third parties including Sidexis by Sirona and Dimax2 by Planmeca. These value-added products are designed to help achieve office productivity improvements, which translate into higher profitability for the customer.

Hardware. Patterson Dental offers custom hardware and networking solutions required for integrating the entire dental office. This product offering is available to all of the Company's dental customers. This initiative marked another step in Patterson's overall strategy of providing customers with the convenience and cost-effectiveness of a virtually complete range of products and value-added services and is one of the newest components of Patterson's single-source solution for dental offices.

Patient Education Services. The CAESY Patient Education Systems line of products offers patient education products and services. These communications tools are designed to influence patient decisions about services in an efficient, cost-effective manner.

Other

Software Services. The Company offers a variety of services to complement its software products such as service agreements, software training, electronic claims processing and billing statement processing. These

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services provide value to customers by allowing them to keep software products current, or receive payments more rapidly while obtaining greater productivity.

Equipment Installation, Repair and Maintenance. To keep their practices running efficiently, dentists require reliable performance from their equipment. All major equipment sold by Patterson includes installation and Patterson's 90-day labor warranty at no additional charge. Patterson also provides complete repair and maintenance services for all dental equipment, whether or not purchased from Patterson, including 24-hour handpiece repair service. In addition to service technicians who provide installation and repair services on basic dental equipment, the Company has also invested in personnel who specialize in installing and troubleshooting issues with technology solutions such as practice management software, digital imaging products, hardware and networking. The goal of this group, which is comprised of both local service technicians and the Patterson Technology Center, is to help customers integrate newer technology into their dental practices. The Patterson Technology Center helps the customer minimize costly downtime by offering a single point of contact for post-sale technology related issues.

Dental Office Design. Patterson provides dental office layout and design services through the use of a Computer-Aided Design (CAD) program. Equipment specialists can create original or revised dental office designs in a fraction of the time required to produce conventional drawings. Customers purchasing major equipment items receive dental office design services at no additional charge.

Equipment Financing. Patterson Dental provides a variety of options to fulfill its customers' financing needs. For qualified purchasers of equipment, the Company will arrange financing for the customer through Patterson or a third party. For non-equipment related needs, such as for working capital or real estate, customers are referred to a third party organization. This alternative allows the Company to offer its customers convenience while still meeting their diverse financing needs. In fiscal 2009, the Company originated nearly \$300 million of equipment finance contracts. The Company, or its vendor partner, financed more than 35% of the equipment purchased by customers during fiscal 2009.

Since November 1998, Patterson has maintained one or more finance referral agreements with an outside finance company to provide a more extensive selection of finance opportunities to its customers. This might include financing for practice transactions, working capital, leasing, real estate and long-term capital. Currently this service is provided by Matsco, a division of Wells Fargo Bank N.A. There are no recourse provisions under this agreement. Patterson receives referral fees under this agreement and Matsco extends credit and services the accounts.

Patterson generally does not hold the finance contracts initiated on equipment transactions. These contracts are sold to either a commercial paper conduit managed by JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., or to a group of banks led by U.S. Bank National Association.

Patterson created a special purpose entity ("SPE"), PDC Funding Company, LLC, a wholly-owned and fully consolidated subsidiary, and entered into a Receivables Purchase Agreement in order to participate in the commercial paper conduit. The Company transfers installment sale contracts to the SPE. In turn, the SPE sells the contracts to the commercial paper conduit. The limit under this agreement is \$367 million of contract purchases. There is no recourse to the Company for contracts purchased by the commercial paper conduit, but there is a holdback by the conduit equal to 10% of the principal of these contracts.

A second SPE, PDC Funding Company II, LLC, can sell contracts through a Contract Purchase Agreement to a group of banks led by U.S. Bank. The agreement operates similarly to the Receivables Purchase Agreement described above, except that the holdback is equal to 6% of the principal and the capacity is \$110 million.

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Patterson services the customer contracts under both of the preceding arrangements for which it receives a fee that approximates its cost for providing the service.

Sales and Marketing

During fiscal 2009, Patterson Dental sold products or services to over 120,000 customers in the U.S. and Canada who made one or more purchases during the year. Patterson Dental's customers include dentists, laboratories, institutions and other healthcare professionals. No single customer accounted for more than 1% of sales during fiscal 2009, and Patterson is not dependent on any single customer or geographic group of customers. The Company's sales and marketing efforts are designed to establish and improve customer relationships through personal interaction with its sales representatives and frequent direct marketing contact, which underscores the Company's value-added approach.

Patterson Dental has over 90 local offices throughout the U.S. and Canada so that it can provide a presence in the market and decision making near the customer. These offices, or branches, are staffed with a complete complement of Patterson Dental capabilities, including sales, customer service and technical service personnel, as well as a local manager who has broad decision making authority with regard to customer related transactions and issues.

A primary component of Patterson's value-added approach is its sales force. Due to the fragmented nature of the dental supply market, Patterson believes that a large sales force is necessary to reach potential customers and to provide full service. Sales representatives provide an informational link to the overall industry; assist practitioners in selecting and purchasing products and help customers efficiently manage their supply inventories. Each sales representative works within an assigned sales territory under the supervision of a location (branch) manager. Sales representatives are all Patterson employees and are generally compensated on a commission basis, with some less experienced representatives receiving a base salary and commission.

To assist its sales representatives, Patterson Dental publishes a variety of catalogs and fliers containing product and service information. Dental customers receive a full-line product catalog containing over 30,000 inventoried items. The catalog includes pictures of products, detailed descriptions and specifications of products and is utilized by practitioners as a reference source. Selected consumable supplies, new products, specially priced items and high-demand items such as infection control products are promoted through merchandise fliers printed and distributed bi-monthly to the dental supply market. In addition, dental equipment sold by Patterson is featured in Patterson's tri-yearly publication, *Patterson Today*, which also includes articles on dental office design, trends in dental practice, products and services offered by Patterson and information on equipment maintenance.

To enhance the total value it brings to its customers, Patterson Dental offers a value-added benefit program for its preferred customers. A new program, Patterson Advantage SM, replaced the former Patterson Plus SM program effective January 2009. The Patterson Advantage program enables members to earn "Advantage Dollars" which can be applied toward future purchases of equipment and technology products. Patterson Advantage also entitles its best customers to priority technical services, automated supply management summary reports, and a variety of exclusive discount offers.

Distribution

Patterson Dental believes that responsive delivery of quality supplies and equipment is a key element to providing complete customer satisfaction. Patterson ships dental consumable supplies from eight strategically located distribution centers in the U.S. and two in Canada. Orders for consumable dental supplies can be placed by telephone or electronically 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Printed office products are shipped from the Company's manufacturing and distribution facility in Illinois.

All orders are routed through Patterson's centralized computer ordering, shipping and inventory management systems, which are linked to each of the Company's strategically located distribution centers. If an

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item is not available in the distribution center nearest to the customer, the computer system automatically directs shipment of the item from another center. Rapid and accurate order fulfillment is another principal component of the Company's value-added approach. Patterson Dental estimates that 98% of its consumable goods orders are shipped to the customer on time, which is generally within 24 hours.

In order to ensure the availability of Patterson Dental's broad product lines for prompt delivery to customers, Patterson must maintain sufficient inventories at its distribution centers. Purchasing of consumables and standard equipment is centralized and the purchasing department uses a real-time perpetual inventory system to manage inventory levels. The Company's inventory consists mostly of consumable supply items. By utilizing its computerized inventory management and ordering systems, the Company is able to accurately predict inventory turns in order to minimize inventory levels for each item.

Patterson Dental's more than 90 dental sales offices are generally configured with display areas where the latest dental equipment can be demonstrated. Dental equipment is generally custom ordered and is staged at the Company's sales offices before delivery to dental offices for installation.

Sources of Supply

Effective purchasing is a key strategy the Company has adopted in order to achieve its objective of continuing to improve profitability. The Company has a program to effectuate electronic data interchange (EDI) with its major vendor partners. In fiscal 2009, the Company processed approximately 70% of its invoices from dental vendors using EDI capabilities. In addition, approximately 60% of Patterson's dental purchase order volume was conducted employing EDI. Utilizing EDI allows the Company to improve efficiencies and reduce administrative costs.

Patterson Dental obtains products from more than 1,000 vendors in the dental segment. Patterson has exclusive distribution agreements with several quality dental equipment manufacturers including Sirona Dental Systems, Inc. for CEREC® dental restorative systems and digital x-rays. The Company is the only national dealer for A-dec equipment, including chairs, units and cabinetry. A-dec is the largest manufacturer of dental equipment in the U.S.

While the Company makes purchases from many suppliers and there is generally more than one source of supply for most of the categories of products sold by the Company, the concentration of business with key suppliers is considerable. The Company's top 10 supply vendors accounted for approximately 42% and 41% of the cost of dental products sold in fiscal years 2009 and 2008, respectively. Of these 10, the top two vendors accounted for 10% and 9%, and 9% and 9% of fiscal 2009 and fiscal 2008 cost of sales, respectively.

Competition

The highly competitive U.S. dental products distribution industry consists principally of national, regional and local full-service and mail-order distributors. The dental supply market is extremely fragmented. In addition to Patterson and one other national, full-service firm, Sullivan-Schein Dental, a unit of Henry Schein, Inc., there are at least 15 full-service distributors that operate on a regional level, and hundreds of small local distributors. Also, some manufacturers sell directly to end-users.

The Company approaches its markets by emphasizing and delivering a value-added model to the practitioner. To differentiate itself from its competition it deploys a strategy of premium customer service, a highly qualified and motivated sales force, experienced service technicians, an extensive breadth and mix of products and services, accurate and timely delivery of product, strategic location of sales offices and distribution centers, and competitive pricing.

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The Company also experiences competition in Canada in the dental supply market. The principal competitor is a national, full-service dental distributor, Henry Schein Ash Arcona, a unit of Henry Schein, Inc. The Company believes it competes in Canada on essentially the same basis as in the United States.

Veterinary Supply

Overview

Webster Veterinary, or “Webster,” is the leading distributor of veterinary supplies to companion-animal (dogs, cats and other common household pets) veterinary clinics in the eastern United States. Management believes Webster is the second largest distributor of companion-animal veterinary supplies nationally. In addition, through its fiscal 2005 acquisition of Milburn Distributions, Inc., Webster is the leading national equine distributor in the United States. Webster provides products used for the diagnosis, treatment and/or prevention of diseases in companion pets and equine animals. Founded in 1946 and headquartered in Sterling, Massachusetts, Webster has developed a strong brand identity as a value-added, full-service distributor of a virtually complete range of consumable supplies, equipment, diagnostic supplies, biologicals (vaccines) and pharmaceuticals. Webster’s product offering, totaling more than 11,000 items, is sold by approximately 235 field sales representatives. In addition to its core business of distributing veterinary products, Webster has a significant agency commission business with a few large pharmaceutical manufacturers. Under the agency relationships, Webster typically earns a commission for soliciting orders through its sales force. In the agency relationship, Webster processes the order to the manufacturer but handles none of the product nor does Webster bill and collect from the customer. The agency commissions that Webster earns range from 3% to 10%, a portion of which is shared with the direct sales personnel. Webster’s agency commissions accounted for less than 1% of its net sales in fiscal 2009. Net sales by Webster in fiscal 2009 were \$550.6 million. Operating income totaled \$26.1 million.

The Company estimates the market for pharmaceuticals and supplies sold to companion animal and equine veterinarians through distribution is approximately \$2.9 billion on an annual basis. Based upon the estimated \$2.9 billion market, the Company believes its share of this market is approximately 19%. Similar to the dental supply market, the veterinary supply market is fragmented and geographically diverse. There are approximately 79,000 veterinarians practicing at 27,000 animal health clinics. The vast majority, approximately 67% of veterinarians, work in private animal health clinics specializing in small animals, predominately companion pets. The average private veterinary practice generates approximately \$770,000 of annual revenue. These practices purchase between \$80,000 and \$120,000 of supplies each year, and similar to the dental practitioner, do not maintain a large supply of inventory on hand. The typical veterinary practice purchases approximately 80% of its supplies from its top two suppliers. The average purchase of consumables by the veterinary practice is noticeably higher than that of the dental practitioner due predominately to pharmaceutical products which are administered and dispensed by veterinarians.

Over the past 15 years, the demand for veterinary services has grown significantly faster than growth in the overall economy. The companion pet segment is the fastest growing area of the overall U.S. veterinary supply market. The Company believes this growth is sustainable due to the following favorable factors:

- *Number of households with companion animals.* The number of households with companion animals is steadily expanding which increases the demand for veterinary services. Today, 62% of U.S. households own a companion pet compared with 56% in 1988. Overall, 45% of all households in the U.S. own more than one pet.
- *Veterinary expenditures per household.* The amount pet owners are willing to spend caring for their pets is increasing substantially. The American Pet Products Manufacturers Association estimates that pet owners will spend \$45.4 billion in 2009 to care for the American pet population. This is a 167% increase over the \$17 billion spent in 1994.

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- *Veterinary products and techniques.* Many new therapeutic and preventive products are being developed for the companion animal market. Technological developments have resulted in new innovative veterinary products and advances in veterinary services.

Strategy

Webster's objective is to build a leading national position in the companion animal veterinary market through internal expansion and acquisitions, while continuing to improve its profitability and enhance its value to customers. Its key strategies and priorities for accomplishing this are to open new geographic markets, make acquisitions that expand market share, emphasize value-added capabilities, consistently improve operating efficiencies and broaden the product offering.

Growing Through Internal Expansion and Acquisitions. In April 2004, Webster acquired the assets of ProVet, which was the companion animal veterinary supply division of Lextron, Inc. ProVet was a distributor with locations in Indianapolis, Kansas City, Houston, Denver and Seattle. Management believes this acquisition made Webster the second largest distributor of companion-animal veterinary supplies in the U.S. This acquisition added 44 sales representative territories expanding Webster's geographic coverage to include the states of Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Nevada, Idaho and Oregon. In addition, the acquisition increased market coverage in Washington state and Texas where Webster already had a presence.

In October 2004, Webster acquired Milburn Distributions, Inc., the largest distributor specializing in the U.S. equine veterinary supply market. Milburn's annualized sales exceed \$50 million. The company operates facilities in Arizona, Kentucky, Texas and Florida. Most companion-animal and large animal veterinary supply distributors have not successfully served the nation's equine veterinarians due to the highly specialized nature of this niche market. Milburn has capitalized on this opportunity by focusing exclusively on the unique needs of equine veterinarians.

In fiscal 2006, Webster grew through both an acquisition and greenfield expansion. In December 2005, it acquired Intra Corp., one of the nation's leading developers of veterinary practice management software that is marketed under the IntraVet brand name. IntraVet has more than 1,600 software installations nationwide and furthers Webster's strategy of establishing a value-added business platform similar to that of Patterson Dental.

Also in fiscal 2006, Webster developed business through a program of internal start-ups, including operations in Ohio, Michigan and California. The expansion into California, which had been Webster's largest unserved market, was particularly successful and has made a solid contribution to Webster's sales results.

During fiscal 2008, Webster acquired New England X-Ray, Inc. in the first quarter and Associated Medical Supply, Inc. in the fourth quarter. New England X-Ray expanded product and service offerings and Associated Medical Supply, Inc. strengthened Webster's competitive position in the southwestern U.S.

In October 2008, Webster acquired Columbus Serum Company, a full service distributor of companion-pet veterinary supplies, equipment and pharmaceuticals. Columbus Serum, with sales of over \$160 million, serves veterinarians in the Midwest and mid-Atlantic regions and further strengthened Webster's position in these markets. Also in October 2008, Webster acquired Odyssey Veterinary Software, LLC, a developer and marketer of Diagnostic Imaging Atlas ("DIA") software. DIA encompasses over 2,000 3D clinical animations and images, which enable the veterinarian to more fully explain and illustrate the pet's diagnosis and recommend treatment to their clients.

Emphasizing Value-Added, Full-Service Capabilities. Webster believes that veterinary customers value full service and responsive delivery of product, in addition to competitive prices. Customers also increasingly expect suppliers to be knowledgeable about products and services, and generally a superior sales representative can create a special relationship with the practitioner by providing an informational link to the overall industry.

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Webster's knowledgeable sales representatives assist customers in the selection and purchasing of supplies. Most veterinarians are independent, or small unit based, practitioners who are unable to store and manage large volumes of supplies in their offices. Webster meets its customer's requirements by delivering frequent, small quantity orders rapidly and reliably from its strategically located distribution centers.

Continuing to Improve Operating Efficiencies . Webster continuously pursues opportunities to lower costs and improve efficiencies. As of April 2009, Webster shares four distribution facilities with one or both of the other operating units. In addition, a customer system that can be used by multiple business segments but maintains the same look and feel of the eImagine[®] system has been fully deployed within the unit. The system provides customer support staff with integrated customer information on one screen.

Broaden the Product Line . Webster continuously seeks to broaden its portfolio of product offerings to maximize the opportunities within its existing customer base. In fiscal 2005, Webster successfully launched its private label initiative to supply veterinary customers with quality consumable goods (white goods, exam gloves, sutures, surgical blades and microscope slides) at value prices. Private label offerings have since been expanded and are expected to continue to grow. Management believes that product innovation allows Webster to maintain its competitive position and helps fuel internal growth. Management also believes that its emphasis on new product offerings enables its sales force to remain effective in creating demand among veterinarians.

Broadening the product line also includes bringing new, innovative services to the customer to allow them to generate greater revenues and profitability from their practice. As Webster continues to expand and build its equipment business, it has added clinic and hospital design capabilities and technical service personnel to install and repair equipment that is sold by Webster as well as by others. With the acquisitions of the IntraVet practice management and DIA software products, new services and revenue opportunities have become possible.

Products and Services

The following table sets forth the sales by principal categories of products and services offered to veterinary segment customers:

	2009	2008	2007
Consumable and printed products	94%	92%	91%
Equipment and software	5	7	7
Other	1	1	2
Total	<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>

Consumable and Printed Products

Webster offers its customers a broad selection of veterinary supply products including consumable supplies, pharmaceuticals, diagnostics, and biologicals. Consumable supplies distributed by Webster include lab supplies, various types and sizes of paper goods, needles and syringes, gauze and wound dressings, sutures, latex gloves, orthopedic and casting products. Webster's pharmaceutical products include anesthetics, antibiotics, injectables, ointments and nutraceuticals. The diagnostics product category includes on-site testing products for heartworm, FIV, FELV and parvovirus. Biological products are comprised of vaccines and injectables. Many of the office supply products sold to the dental supply market are also offered to the veterinary supply market.

Equipment and Software

Webster sells equipment for hospital, laboratory and general surgical use within the veterinary practice. Webster offers innovative, quality equipment that differentiates Webster from the competition. About 50% of veterinary equipment orders are drop shipped directly to the customer, of which 15% are custom ordered from

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the manufacturer. The other half of veterinary equipment is distributed in a manner similar to consumable supplies. Webster has expanded its software offerings through acquisitions to include IntraVet practice management software and DIA software.

Other

Other products and services include commissions on agency sales, equipment repair revenues, software maintenance contract revenue and freight recovery on shipments to customers.

Sales and Marketing

A primary component of Webster's value-added approach is its sales force. Due to the fragmented nature of the veterinary supply market, Webster believes that a large sales force is necessary to reach potential customers and to provide full service. Sales representatives provide an informational link to the overall industry, assist practitioners in selecting and purchasing products, and help customers efficiently manage their supply inventories. Each representative works within an assigned sales territory under the supervision of a location (branch) manager. Sales representatives are employees and are generally compensated on a commission basis, with some, less experienced, representatives receiving a base salary and commission.

To assist its sales representatives, Webster publishes a catalog, which contains approximately 11,000 SKUs. This catalog includes detailed descriptions and specifications of products and is utilized by practitioners as a reference source. Selected consumable supplies, new products, specially priced items and high-demand items are promoted through merchandise fliers printed and distributed monthly.

Webster's website was built upon the proven technology of the Patterson Dental website and the site allows customers the ability to order items twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. The website also incorporates value-added functions that permit customers to check their invoice, payment and credit history, build a "shopping list" of frequently purchased items and track their order status.

Distribution

As of April 25, 2009, veterinary products were stocked and shipped out of 13 distribution centers. The distribution of veterinary products is complemented by telesales representatives who are responsible for processing approximately 70% of customer orders in this segment. In order to meet the rapid delivery requirements of customers, most consumable products are delivered within 24 hours. Webster estimates that approximately 98% of its consumable orders are delivered to the customer on time.

Sources of Supply

Webster obtains products from nearly 550 vendors. While Webster makes purchases from many suppliers and there is generally more than one source of supply for most of the categories of products, the concentration of business with key suppliers is considerable. In fiscal 2009 and 2008, Webster's top 10 veterinary supply manufacturers comprised 65% and 62%, respectively, and the single largest supplier comprised 15% and 17%, respectively, of the total cost of veterinary supply sales.

Competition

Within the "companion pet" market segment, competitors range from small local distributors to large national and regional full-service companies, and to a lesser extent, mail order distributors or buying groups. Webster also competes directly with pharmaceutical companies who sell certain products directly to the customer.

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highly qualified and motivated sales force, an extensive breadth and mix of products and services, accurate and timely delivery of product, strategic location of sales offices and competitive pricing.

Rehabilitation Supply

Overview

Patterson Medical is headquartered in Bolingbrook, Illinois and is the world's leading distributor of rehabilitation medical supplies and non-wheelchair assistive products. Patterson Medical believes it offers the most comprehensive range of distributed and self-manufactured rehabilitation products to health care professionals globally. Its mission is to provide health care professionals and their patients with access to products that improve peoples' lives by helping them to attain their highest achievable level of independence, safety and comfort. Patterson Medical operates as Sammons Preston and Medco Sports Medicine in North America and Homecraft in international markets.

Patterson Medical serves as the gateway through which over 30,000 rehabilitation products originating from more than 2,000 suppliers and manufacturers are sold to a diverse customer base with an emphasis on physical therapists ("PTs") and occupational therapists ("OTs"). It offers its customers a "one-stop shop" through what it believes to be the most comprehensive catalog in the industry, the largest direct sales force and the category's most efficient customer service and distribution operations. Major channels of distribution are acute care hospitals, long-term care facilities, rehabilitation clinics, dealers and schools. In addition, Patterson believes Patterson Medical's reputation, global market presence and highly transferable business model will facilitate entry into new markets.

Patterson Medical offers a wide range of differentiated, non-invasive products and expertise to users and their health care providers, while focusing on niches, worldwide, where its capabilities, reputation and customer partnerships can result in a competitive advantage. Its goal is to become its customers' first choice for rehabilitation medical supplies and assistive products in each of its chosen markets.

Patterson Medical is highly diversified with no single product, customer or purchasing group representing a significant percentage of total revenue. In addition, given the relatively small average and median order size (approximately \$225 and \$70, respectively), Patterson Medical's products often do not represent a major expense category for its customers.

In March 2002, Patterson Medical completed the acquisition of the Smith & Nephew Rehabilitation ("SNR") division of Smith & Nephew PLC, and in doing so, acquired the Rolyan, Homecraft and Kinetec brand names. The SNR acquisition added 3,500 additional products, as well as a broad array of other brand names and proprietary products. The acquisition of SNR combined the two leading distributors of rehabilitation medical supplies to create what Patterson believes is the only "one-stop shop" in the industry. Patterson Medical manufactures or has exclusively manufactured for it products representing approximately 25% of its total revenue and purchases products representing the remaining 75%. Approximately 85% of its revenue is in North America.

Patterson Medical believes the rehabilitation medical supplies and assistive products industry is approximately \$4.6 billion in the U.S. and \$6.2 billion worldwide and is expected to grow faster than the overall economy over the next several years. Industry growth is driven by strong growth in the physical and occupational therapy markets and favorable demographic trends associated with the aging of the baby-boom generation. Patterson Medical does not compete in motorized-wheelchairs or scooters, a market estimated to be a combined \$2.2 billion worldwide. Therefore, Patterson Medical's addressable market (defined as the collective market for products sold by Patterson Medical) is approximately \$4.0 billion worldwide. Patterson Medical believes that it has an industry leading market share of approximately 6% in a highly fragmented rehabilitation and assistive products market.

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Patterson Medical believes that the demand for rehabilitation products will continue to be influenced by the following factors:

- *Favorable Demographics.* Favorable demographic trends such as extended life expectancy, active lifestyles and a general willingness to spend discretionary income on health care and well being, are expected to contribute to increased demand for products distributed by Patterson Medical. Specifically, the aging baby-boomer population, together with their increased disposable income and desire for independence, will fuel product purchases to assist with the frailties associated with old age and provide sustained sales growth.

The U.S. Census Bureau has projected the 85 year and older populations in the U.S. to more than triple from four million in 2000 to 14 million by 2040. The 65 to 84 year old population is expected to more than double during the same time period. Current trends indicate that these age groups represent the majority of home and community-based health care patients.

The aging of the population is a revenue growth driver. Approximately 10% of people over the age of 65 and approximately 50% of people over the age of 85 need assistance with everyday activities. Patterson Medical believes it is well positioned to benefit from this trend by providing aids to daily living, namely dressing devices; toileting, dining, bathing aids; and grooming devices, all of which promote greater patient independence, improved patient responsibility and improved responsiveness to treatment.

- *Increasing Number of PTs and OTs, Patterson Medical's Primary User Groups.* According to the U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Outlook Handbook, there were approximately 132,000 PTs and 78,000 OTs in the U.S. in 2000. Approximately two-thirds of PTs were employed in either hospitals or offices of physical therapists. The remaining one-third of PTs was employed in home health agencies, outpatient rehabilitation clinics, physician offices and nursing homes. The majority of OTs work in hospitals, including many in rehabilitation and psychiatric hospitals. The remaining OTs work in outpatient occupational therapy offices and clinics, schools, home health agencies, nursing homes, community mental health centers, adult day care programs, job training services and residential care facilities. The demand for PTs and OTs is expected to remain strong largely driven by the (i) increase in the number of individuals with disabilities or limited function requiring therapy services; (ii) rapidly growing elderly population which is particularly vulnerable to chronic and debilitating conditions that require therapeutic services; (iii) baby-boom generation which is entering the prime age for heart attacks and strokes, increasing the demand for cardiac and physical rehabilitation; (iv) advances in medical technology which permit treatment of more disabling conditions; and (v) widespread interest in health promotion.
- *Increasing Frequency of Reconstructive and Implant Surgery.* Another important driver of the growth in the PT market is the growing need for rehabilitation products resulting from the increasing frequency of reconstructive implant procedures, including hip and knee replacements. The worldwide reconstructive implant market is currently in excess of \$5.0 billion and expected to grow between 7% and 8% annually. This growth trajectory is largely driven by favorable demographics, as patient populations are expanding at both ends of the age spectrum. Among seniors, more active lifestyles and longer life expectancies are responsible for the increasing frequency of reconstructive implants. Younger patients are opting for reconstructive implants over less invasive alternatives due to improved and longer lasting implant technology. Patterson Medical believes it is well positioned to benefit from the growth in reconstructive implants, by providing orthopedic products, namely Continuous Passive Motion machines and splinting, which are critical to post-operative rehabilitation.

International Operations

Patterson Medical's international operations are based in the United Kingdom ("U.K.") and are made up of two divisions: Homecraft in the U.K. and Kinetec in France. The international operations broadly reflect the

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same business model as used in the North American market. In the U.K., Homecraft operations include sales and marketing, customer service, distribution, purchasing and administration. In France, Kinetec is a self-contained manufacturing unit with limited sales and marketing, distribution, administration and purchasing.

Homecraft is a leading supplier of aids to daily living (“ADL”) and rehabilitation products in the U.K., and a significant player in the international markets. Having developed and designed many proprietary products, Homecraft is the prime source for numerous established and market leading ADL brands, including products sold under the Sammons Preston Rolyan brand. The Homecraft catalog offers a broad line of ADL, therapy, rehabilitation and pediatric products containing over 10,000 items. Their catalog is circulated to PTs, OTs, loan equipment stores and private clinics, trade outlets and the general public.

Homecraft’s central sales and marketing strategy is to provide a “one-stop shop” proposition to hospitals, local government and trade customers throughout the U.K. Customers are reached through a combination of mail order, a 15 person sales force, telemarketing and in-market promotional and exhibition activity.

In April 2009, Homecraft acquired Mobilis Healthcare, further increasing Homecraft’s presence in the U.K. While Homecraft has historically been focused on occupational therapy, Mobilis has a strong position in the physical therapy market.

Kinetec consists of two operations, the manufacturing and distribution of Continuous Passive Motion machines (“CPMs”) for sale on a worldwide basis and the sale and distribution of Sammons Preston Rolyan and Homecraft products in France. Products are marketed to customers through product brochures, mailings, tele-marketing and a six person sales force that covers the French rehabilitation market.

Strategy

Patterson Medical’s objective is to be the customers’ first choice for rehabilitation medical supplies and non-wheelchair assistive products in each of its chosen markets. It intends to grow through internal expansion and acquisitions in both rehabilitation and related products. In the second half of fiscal 2006, a new management team was installed and has been responsible for accelerating the unit’s adoption of Patterson’s value-added strategy.

Emphasizing Value-Added, Full-Service Capabilities. Patterson Medical currently offers their customer a “one-stop shop” for products through their industry-leading catalog with over 20,000 items, focused primarily on physical and occupational therapy products. Patterson Medical adds new products each year to its ever-expanding catalog and is committed to doing so long-term. Consistent with Patterson Medical’s current product offering, some of these new products are branded, exclusive or self-manufactured.

Patterson Medical recognizes that different customer groups have very different economic, product and distribution channel requirements and treatment goals. Patterson Medical proactively attempts to anticipate and flexibly respond to the diverse needs of its customers, while focusing on niches, worldwide, where its capabilities, reputation and customer partnerships can result in a competitive advantage. As such, Patterson Medical foresees an ongoing evolution of its product offerings to meet the ever-increasing demands of its diverse customer segments.

Improving Operating Efficiencies. Patterson Medical’s proprietary products, which consist of self-manufactured products, products manufactured for Patterson Medical and products sold through exclusive distribution arrangements represent approximately 25% of total revenues. Over the past three years, Patterson Medical made investments in new sales and marketing programs as a part of its accelerated adoption of Patterson’s value-added strategy, including the expansion of its sales force and the establishment of a branch office structure. The Company believes these investments will result in additional sales and operating efficiencies into the future.

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As of April 2009, the unit is distributing products from four shared distribution facilities that distribute products for two or all three Patterson operating units. In addition, the first shared branch office location was created late in fiscal 2007 in Northern California. This branch location includes both dental and rehabilitation segment personnel, while allowing the two units to share in certain common expenses. There are now four shared branch facilities.

Growing Through Internal Expansion and Acquisitions. Patterson Medical believes it is well positioned to expand in its core markets. Patterson Medical's market presence, clinical understanding and close customer relationships allow Patterson Medical to anticipate and flexibly respond to the diverse needs of its customers. Patterson Medical believes its market knowledge, strong vendor relationships and manufacturing capabilities will continue to drive the delivery of value-added solutions through the continual enrichment of its product mix. Additionally, Patterson Medical believes its broad portfolio of national accounts and commitment to expand its sales force will enhance Patterson Medical's growth and penetration within its current and new customer base.

Patterson Medical acquired Homecraft and Kinetec as part of the SNR transaction. Patterson Medical is leveraging this platform to accelerate international expansion, in terms of both product lines and geographic regions. Since the SNR transaction, Patterson Medical has added over 550 pages of new products to the Homecraft catalog. Homecraft and Kinetec brought with them a proven capability to source products at very favorable costs and at high levels of quality from China, which has resulted in meaningful cost savings. Patterson Medical's management team believes its business model is transferable to other countries, and is using Homecraft to cultivate new relationships through an enhanced product array, sales effort, distribution capabilities and catalog expertise.

In May 2004, Patterson Medical acquired the assets of Medco Supply Company, Inc., or "Medco," from NCH Corporation. With sales of approximately \$57 million, Medco is one of the nation's leading sports medicine distributors and is based in Buffalo, New York. In addition to its sports medicine business, it sells first aid, safety and medical consumable products to commercial and institutional customers, as well as consumable supplies and equipment to podiatrists. The complete product offering includes approximately 10,000 SKUs that are sold through direct mail catalogs and 13 territory sales people. Medco markets to athletic trainers, schools and school nurses, daycare providers and healthcare professionals including podiatrists, chiropractors and physical therapists.

Over the past three years, the unit has opened 12 branch offices through acquisitions and internal start-ups in desirable locations throughout the U.S. In November 2007, Patterson Medical acquired PTOS software, a leading line of practice management software for physical therapists.

In April 2009, Patterson Medical acquired Mobilis Healthcare, a U.K.-based business with sales of \$28 million. Mobilis serves 12,000 customers in the U.K. and France and owns several leading brands that are sold into its primary markets.

Patterson Medical operates in the highly fragmented rehabilitation medical supplies and non-wheelchair assistive products industry. Patterson Medical's competition is generally either locally or regionally focused. Patterson Medical intends to pursue expansion opportunities when prudent in order to add products, customers and capabilities, which will further differentiate Patterson Medical from its competition.

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Products and Services

The following table sets forth the sales by principal categories offered to rehabilitation segment customers:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Consumables	69%	70%	72%
Equipment and software	25	25	23
Other	6	5	5
Total	<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>

Consumables

Patterson Medical offers a large selection of supply products that can be categorized as follows:

- Aids to Daily Living—dressing devices, toileting, dining, bathing aids and grooming devices
- Orthopedic Soft Goods / Splints—braces, splints and orthotics for protecting, supporting and positioning
- Clinical—products that assist in the examination and treatment of patients, such as exercise bands, putty, weights balls and mats
- Mobility—walkers, canes and wheelchair accessories such as gloves, trays and carrying bags
- Pediatric Seating and Positioning—rolls, wedges, specialty seating and standers and mobility assistance products for special needs children. This category also includes sensory motor stimulation products such as toys, crafts and devices to assist with balance
- Modalities—products for heating and cooling therapies, electrical stimulation, laser, ultrasound, paraffin, iontophoresis and therapeutic creams and lotions

Equipment and Software

Rehabilitation equipment consists of exercise, examination, treatment and therapy equipment and furniture. These products include parallel bars, treatment tables, mat platforms, treadmills, stationary bicycles and CPMs. The November 2007 acquisition of PTOS software added a line of practice management software to Patterson Medical's wide array of product offerings. In addition, certain acquisitions over the past two years have given the unit access to premium equipment lines that were previously unavailable to Patterson Medical.

Sales and Marketing

Its customers generally know Patterson Medical as Sammons Preston in the U.S. and Canada, and Homecraft in the remainder of the world. The Sammons Preston and Homecraft business models, which Patterson Medical employs in the U.S., Canada and the U.K., have successfully driven revenue growth and profitability.

A core element of Sammons Preston's strategy is to maintain the most comprehensive single catalog of rehabilitation products and supplies. The catalog, published for over 50 years, is considered the gold standard of the industry and features the most comprehensive product offering with longstanding industry-leading positions and recognized brand names.

Patterson Medical has an experienced sales force, national account contracts with major customer groups, unmatched customer service within the industry and the proven ability to introduce new products each year,

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allowing Patterson Medical to compete across the entire spectrum of the rehabilitation medical supplies and non-wheelchair assistive products industry.

A key priority has been the expansion of the field sales force, which has grown by more than 45 sales representatives since late in fiscal 2006 and now totals more than 200 worldwide. New sales representatives are generally hired from the ranks of physical and occupational therapists, manufacturer representatives and others with extensive industry knowledge.

Patterson Medical began developing a branch office structure in fiscal 2007 through a combination of internal start-ups and dealer/distributor acquisitions. Similar to a dental branch, these offices have a showroom, commissioned sales staff and service department that provides equipment installation, repair and warranty service for equipment manufacturers. As of April 2009, 12 branches had been established.

Sammons Preston's national accounts group collaborates with its sales force to meet the changing needs of its expanding account base. The product management group works closely with customers, suppliers and the sales force to evaluate new products for inclusion in Sammons Preston's product offering. Sammons Preston adds approximately 2,000 new products to the catalog each year. Sammons Preston's U.S. national accounts program is staffed by seasoned professionals who have developed a comprehensive portfolio of contracts. Furthermore, the integrated Sammons Preston organization has national contracts with major purchasing groups within each submarket, including hospitals, nursing homes and dealers.

For many years, Sammons Preston and SNR had the only national sales forces in the U.S. dedicated to the clinical education and sale of products to institutionally based PTs and OTs. With the acquisition and integration of SNR, Patterson Medical's clinical presence and sales capability have been enhanced with a broader product offering and a more complete range of proprietary brands. The Patterson Medical sales professionals, many of whom are therapists, are located throughout the U.S. and Canada. These sales professionals have utilized the extensive product line and the comprehensive national contracts portfolio to establish direct sales to U.S. hospitals, nursing homes and rehab clinics. Patterson Medical also sells to national healthcare distributors and local dealers.

The rehabilitation medical supplies and non-wheelchair assistive products that Patterson Medical offers are generally not subject to direct reimbursement pressures from Medicare and Medicaid. Patterson Medical does not engage in third-party billing and collection activities, but sells to customers, including dealers, who provide this service.

The rehabilitation medical supplies and non-wheelchair assistive products industry is highly fragmented. No one manufacturer, distributor or customer represents a significant portion of Patterson Medical's revenue.

To enhance the total value it brings to its customers, Patterson Medical created a value-added benefit program for its preferred customers. The Patterson Plus sm program entitles its best customers to discount pricing and cash rebates, priority service scheduling, supply management summary reports and continuing education course discounts.

Distribution

Patterson Medical's distribution process centers on its ability to fill small unit size and small dollar amount orders. In the U.S., over 5,000 packages ship daily from five locations. A majority of products are shipped out of an eastern Pennsylvania distribution center that is shared between all three Patterson operating units. Patterson Medical moved into this facility during fiscal 2007, at which time an existing distribution center located in Bolingbrook, Illinois was closed. Certain high volume product is distributed from other multi-segment facilities within the Patterson Logistics distribution network. Approximately 95% of the packages in the U.S. ship via UPS.

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Patterson Medical's call center operates from 7am – 7pm Monday through Friday, processing in excess of 4,000 calls per day. In addition, the customer can order 24 hours a day through Patterson Medical's Internet websites. The combination of in-house staff and web ordering options provide customers with 24 hours a day, seven days a week ordering capabilities. Approximately 14% of customer orders are through the web. In addition, fax orders and EDI capabilities support the larger, more technologically advanced customers, including dealers, hospitals and long-term care facilities.

Sources of Supply

Among Patterson Medical's core strengths is its ability to obtain premier products from vendors. Patterson Medical purchases its products from over 2,000 suppliers and manufacturers. Although no single supplier accounted for more than 5% of Patterson Medical's total purchases in fiscal 2009, Patterson Medical frequently is the largest single customer of these manufacturers. Suppliers view the ability to distribute their products through Sammons Preston and Homecraft positively due to reputation, longstanding industry-leading position, comprehensive catalogs, national account contracts, and sales force presence and distribution capabilities. Patterson Medical continually works at strengthening its supplier relationships through the introduction of supplier programs.

Competition

Patterson Medical believes it is the only national player to offer, "one-stop shopping" to its customers. Patterson Medical's competition is generally highly fragmented, locally or regionally focused and without the product offering necessary to be a one-stop shop. Patterson Medical's national and international scale and purchasing power provide Patterson Medical with a favorable cost position and strong pricing trends relative to its competition.

For further information on each of the Company's three operating segments, and operations by geographic area, see "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in Item 7 of this document and Note 11 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Patterson Companies, Inc.

Trademarks

Patterson has registered with the United States Patent and Trademark Office the trademarks "Patterson ®," "PDXpress ®," "EagleSoft ®" and "eMagine ®." With the addition of Patterson Medical, the Company acquired the marks Sammons, Preston, Roylan, Homecraft and numerous other tradenames and trademarks. The Company believes that these trademarks are well recognized within their respective industries, and are therefore valuable assets of the Company.

Employees

As of April 25, 2009, the Company had approximately 7,010 employees. Patterson has not experienced a shortage of qualified personnel in the past, and believes that it will be able to attract such employees in the future. None of Patterson's employees are subject to collective bargaining agreements or represented by a union. The Company considers its relations with its employees to be good.

Website

The Company makes available, free of charge, on its website, its Annual Report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to those reports as soon as reasonably practicable after the material is electronically filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange

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Commissions. This material may be accessed by visiting the Investor Relations section of the Company's website at www.pattersoncompanies.com.

Information relating to corporate governance at Patterson, including our Principles of Business Conduct and Code of Ethics and information concerning our executive officers, directors and Board committees, and transactions in Patterson securities by directors and officers, is available on or through our website www.pattersoncompanies.com in the Investor Relations section.

Information maintained on our website is not being included as a part of, or incorporating it by reference into, our Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Governmental Regulation

The marketing, distribution and sale of certain products sold by the Company are subject to the requirements of various federal, state and local laws and regulations. The Company is subject to regulation by the Federal Food and Drug Administration, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the U.S. Department of Transportation. Among the federal laws which impact the Company are the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, which regulates the advertising, record keeping, labeling, handling, storage and sale of drugs and medical devices which are distributed by the Company, and which requires the Company to be registered with the Federal Food and Drug Administration; the Safe Medical Devices Act, which imposes certain reporting requirements on the Company in the event of an incident involving serious illness, injury or death caused by a medical device distributed by the Company; and the Controlled Substance Act, which regulates the record keeping, handling, storage and sale of certain drugs sold by the Company, and which requires the Company to be registered with the Drug Enforcement Administration. In addition, the transportation of certain products distributed by the Company that are considered hazardous materials is subject to regulation by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The Company also is required to be licensed as a distributor of drugs and medical devices by each state in which it conducts business. In addition, several state Boards of Pharmacy require the Company to be licensed in their state for the sale of animal health products within their jurisdiction. The Company is also subject to the requirements of foreign laws and regulations, which impact the Company's operations in those foreign countries where the Company conducts business.

While the Company believes it is in substantial compliance with the laws and regulations which regulate its business, and that it possesses all the licenses required in the conduct of its business, the failure to comply with any of those laws or regulations, or the imposition of new laws or regulations could negatively impact the Company's business.

Executive Officers of the Registrant

Set forth below is the name, age and position of the executive officers of the Company as of June 24, 2009.

James W. Wiltz	64	President and Chief Executive Officer—Patterson Companies, Inc.
Peter L. Frechette	71	Chairman of the Board—Patterson Companies, Inc.
R. Stephen Armstrong	58	Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer—Patterson Companies, Inc.
Daniel H. Peckskamp	49	Vice President, Operations—Patterson Companies, Inc.
Lynn E. Askew	46	Vice President, Management Information Systems—Patterson Companies, Inc.
Jerome E. Thygesen	51	Vice President, Human Resources — Patterson Companies, Inc.
Scott P. Anderson	42	President—Patterson Dental Supply, Inc.
George L. Henriques	48	President—Webster Veterinary Supply, Inc.
David P. Sproat	42	President—Patterson Medical Products, Inc.

The officers of the Company are elected annually and serve at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

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Background of Executive Officers

James W. Wiltz was named the Company's Chief Executive Officer in May 2005. Mr. Wiltz had held the position of President and Chief Operating Officer since April 2003. Upon being elected Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Wiltz retained the title of President, however the Company eliminated the Chief Operating Officer position. Mr. Wiltz also served as a Vice President of the Company from 1986 to 2003 and as President of Patterson Dental Supply, Inc., from 1996 to 2003. Patterson has employed him since September 1969, initially as a territory sales representative. Mr. Wiltz was appointed to the Board of Directors in March 2001.

Peter L. Frechette currently serves as our Chairman of the Board and has held that position since May of 1985. He served as Chief Executive Officer from September 1982 through May 2005 and as President from September 1982 to April 2003. He has been one of our directors since March 1983. Prior to joining Patterson, Mr. Frechette was employed by American Hospital Supply Corporation for 18 years, the last seven of which he served as President of its Scientific Products Division.

R. Stephen Armstrong was elected Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of the Company effective July 1999. Before joining Patterson, Mr. Armstrong had been an Assurance Partner with Ernst & Young LLP. Ernst & Young LLP is currently the Company's independent registered public accounting firm. Mr. Armstrong has been a director of Delphax Technologies, Inc. since 2000.

Daniel H. Peckskamp became Vice President, Operations and Shared Services, in June 2008. Prior to joining Patterson, Mr. Peckskamp was with ADC Telecommunications, Inc. in a variety of positions since 1985, most recently as Vice President of Global Operations from 2006 to 2008, Vice President of Operations from 2001 to 2006 and Vice President of International Operations from 2000 to 2001.

Lynn E. Askew became Vice President, Management Information Systems, in September 1999. Mr. Askew joined Patterson in 1994 as Manager, Distributed Systems, and was promoted to Director, Systems and Development in 1996. Before joining Patterson, Mr. Askew provided advanced technology consulting and project management services to various organizations, including Patterson.

Jerome E. Thygesen became Vice President, Human Resources, in March 2006. Prior to joining Patterson, Mr. Thygesen was Vice President, Organizational Development for Fairview Red Wing Health Services from September 2001 to February 2006, and Director of Human Resources for Red Wing Shoe Company from March 1987 to June 2001.

Scott P. Anderson was named President of the Company's subsidiary Patterson Dental Supply, Inc., in June 2006. Mr. Anderson most recently held the position of Vice President, Sales of Patterson Dental Supply, Inc. and prior to that was the unit's Vice President of Marketing. Mr. Anderson joined Patterson in 1993 and currently serves on the board of directors of the Dental Trade Alliance, the trade association of dental manufacturers, distributors and laboratories.

George L. Henriques was named President of Webster Veterinary Supply, Inc. in August 2006. Mr. Henriques previously served as chief information officer of Webster Veterinary since 2000 and also serves on the board of directors of the American Veterinary Distributors Association.

David P. Sproat was named President of Patterson Medical Products, Inc. in September 2005. Mr. Sproat joined Patterson Companies in 1997 and has served in various sales and marketing capacities, including Vice President, Sales of the Patterson Dental Supply, Inc. unit from June 2004 through September 2005.

Item 1A. RISK FACTORS

The following list describes several risk factors that are unique to our company. The risk factors described below should be carefully considered, together with the information included elsewhere in this Annual Report on

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Form 10-K and other documents filed with the SEC. These risks factors are being disclosed based on instructions set forth in Item 503(c) of Regulation S-K.

Economic conditions and volatility in the financial markets could adversely affect our operating results and financial condition.

Continued recessionary trends in the U.S. or global economy, or an uncertain economic outlook, could materially adversely affect our operating results and financial condition in the future. Economic conditions may continue to cause customers to reduce or delay purchases from us and may cause vendors to reduce their production or change their terms of sale to us. Volatility and other disruptions in the financial markets could adversely affect the cost and availability of credit to us, as well as the cost of, and ability to, sell finance contracts we receive from customers to outside financial institutions.

We compete in distribution industries that are highly competitive and we may not be able to compete successfully.

Our competitors include numerous manufacturers and distributors. Some of our competitors may have different resources than we do, which could allow them to compete more successfully. Many of our products are available from several resources and our customers tend to have relationships with several different distributors. Competitors could obtain exclusive rights to market particular products, which we would then be unable to market. Our failure to compete effectively may limit and/or reduce our revenues, profitability and cash flow.

Acquisitions of businesses could negatively impact our profitability and return on invested capital.

As a part of our business strategy, we have acquired businesses in the ordinary course and expect to continue acquiring businesses in the future. These acquisitions can involve a number of risks and challenges, any of which could cause significant operating inefficiencies and adversely affect our growth and profitability. Such risks and challenges include underperformance relative to our expectations and the price paid for the acquisition; unanticipated demands on our management and operational resources; difficulty in integrating personnel, operations and systems; retention of customers of the combined businesses; assumption of contingent liabilities; and acquisition-related earnings charges.

Our international operations are subject to risks that could adversely affect our operating results.

There are a number of risks inherent in foreign operations, which include regulatory, economic and political requirements and changes. Additionally, foreign operations expose us to foreign currency fluctuations that could impact our results of operations and financial condition based on the movements of the applicable foreign currency exchange rates in relation to the U.S. Dollar.

Our future operating results can be affected by our relationships with our sales representatives and vendors and manufacturers of products that we distribute.

The inability to attract or retain qualified sales personnel or build or maintain relationships with vendors and manufacturers of products that we distribute may have an adverse effect on our business.

We sell products that could be subject to market and technological obsolescence.

We carry over 100,000 different product stock keeping units. Some of these products are subject to technological obsolescence that may not be within the control of the Company since we do not manufacture the products. If we were no longer able to sell these products due to customers making decisions not to buy them, we may have to record expense related to the diminution in value of inventories we have in stock that would adversely impact our operating results.

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Audits by tax authorities could result in additional tax payments for prior periods.

The amount of income taxes we pay is subject to ongoing audits by U.S. federal, state and local tax authorities and by non-U.S. tax authorities. If these audits result in assessments different from our reserves, our future results may include unfavorable adjustments to our tax liabilities.

We are subject to a variety of litigation that could adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.

We are subject to a variety of litigation incidental to our business, including claims for damages arising out of the use of products we distribute, claims relating to intellectual property matters, and claims involving employment matters. We are also subject to securities litigation.

The defense of these lawsuits may divert our management's attention, we may incur significant expenses in defending these lawsuits, and we may be required to pay damage awards or settlements or become subject to equitable remedies that could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations. Any insurance or indemnification rights that we may have may be insufficient or unavailable to protect us against potential loss exposures.

Leadership Development and Succession Planning

Our business could suffer if it loses key personnel unexpectedly or fails to provide for an orderly management succession. Our success depends, in large part, on our ability to recruit skilled personnel for the business, and then identify and train our personnel for their transition into key roles to support the long-term growth of the business. While our board of directors and management actively monitor our succession plan and processes, any sudden change at the senior management level may adversely affect our business.

We may be required to record a significant charge to earnings if our goodwill or other intangible assets become impaired.

Our balance sheet includes goodwill and other identifiable intangible assets. Under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, if impairment of our goodwill or other identifiable intangible assets is determined we may be required to record a significant charge to earnings in the period of such determination.

We are exposed to the risk of changes in interest rates.

Our balance sheet includes variable rate long-term debt and certain non-current assets that are sensitive to movements in short-term interest rates. The variable rates are comprised of LIBOR plus a spread and reset on certain dates, as prescribed by the respective agreements. In addition, our balance sheet includes fixed rate long-term debt, whose fair value could be adversely affected by movements in interest rates.

Item 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

The Company has received no written comments regarding our periodic or current reports from the staff of the SEC that were issued 180 days or more preceding the end of our 2009 fiscal year that remain unresolved.

Item 2. PROPERTIES

The Company owns its principal executive offices in St. Paul, Minnesota, and the majority of its distribution and manufacturing facilities. Leases of other distribution, manufacturing and administrative facilities generally are on a long-term basis, expiring at various times, with options to renew for additional periods. Most sales offices are leased for varying and usually shorter periods, with or without renewal options. The Company

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believes its properties are in good operating condition and are suitable for the purposes for which they are being used.

Patterson Logistics Services

Effective at the beginning of fiscal 2007, the majority of the assets used to distribute product that were previously owned and operated by individual business units were transferred to a wholly owned subsidiary of Patterson Companies, Inc. The new entity, Patterson Logistics Services, Inc. ("PLSI") operates the distribution function for the benefit of all three of the sales and marketing business units.

As of April 25, 2009, PLSI operates 17 distribution centers totaling approximately 900,000 square feet of distribution space as follows:

- One dental distribution center located in Indiana.
- Eight veterinary distribution centers. Sales and administrative personnel for the veterinary segment generally share space with PLSI in these distribution facilities, which are located in Alabama, Colorado, Florida, Indiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts and Texas.
- One rehabilitation distribution center in New York State.
- Two distribution centers located in Florida and Texas, which stock and distribute both dental and rehabilitation product.
- Three distribution centers which stock and distribute dental and veterinary products, located in Iowa, South Carolina and Washington state; and,
- Two distribution centers located in California and Pennsylvania which distribute product for all three of the business units. These locations replaced nearby distribution centers which distributed product of just one of the business units.

Approximately 80% of the PLSI distribution center space is owned.

Dental Supply

In addition to the locations operated by PLSI, Patterson Dental utilizes two owned locations in Illinois used to manufacture and ship printed office products, and to operate the Patterson Technology Center. The dental sales operations in Canada are supported by distribution centers located in Quebec and Alberta, Canada.

The dental supply segment is headquartered in the Company's principal executive offices. This segment also maintains sales and administrative offices inside the United States at approximately 90 locations in over 40 states and at 10 locations in Canada. The majority of these locations are leased.

Veterinary Supply

Headquartered in Sterling, Massachusetts, Webster Veterinary's sales and administrative personnel generally reside within the PLSI distribution center locations.

Rehabilitation Supply

Patterson Medical is headquartered in Bolingbrook, Illinois. Distribution of product in North America is generally performed at PLSI-operated locations. Domestically, the rehabilitation supply segment maintains manufacturing facilities in Wisconsin, New York and South Carolina. Over the past three years, 12 branch offices have been established through acquisitions and internal start-ups. Four of these branch offices are in a shared location with Patterson Dental branches. The majority of these locations are leased.

Internationally, this segment has facilities located in the U.K., France and Canada.

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Item 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The Company is involved in various product related, employment related and other legal proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business. Some of these proceedings involve product liability claims arising out of the use of products the Company distributes. Product liability indemnification is generally obtained from our suppliers. However, in the event a supplier of a defective product is unable to pay a judgment for which the Company may be jointly liable, the Company would have liability for the entire judgment.

The Company maintains product liability insurance coverage for any potential liability for claims arising out of products sold by the Company. While the Company believes its insurance coverage is adequate, there can be no assurance that the insurance coverage maintained is sufficient or will be available to us in adequate amounts or at reasonable costs in the future. Also, there can be no assurance that the indemnification agreements we have with our suppliers will provide us with adequate protection. In addition, future claims brought against the Company could involve claims not covered by insurance or indemnification agreements, and could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business or financial condition.

As of April 25, 2009 and April 26, 2008, the Company had accrued our best estimate of potential losses relating to product liability and other claims that were probable to result in a liability and for which it was possible to reasonably estimate a loss. These accrued amounts, as well as related expenses, have not been material to the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows. Our method for determining estimated losses considers currently available facts, presently enacted laws and regulations and other external factors, including probable recoveries from third parties.

Item 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

There were no matters submitted to a vote of the Company's shareholders during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2009.

PART II

Item 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT’S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

The Company’s common stock trades on the NASDAQ Global Select Market[®] under the symbol “PDCO.”

The following table sets forth the range of high and low sale prices for the Company’s common stock for each full quarterly period within the two most recent fiscal years. Such quotations reflect inter-dealer prices, without retail mark-up, mark-down or commission, and may not necessarily represent actual transactions.

	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
Fiscal 2009		
First Quarter	\$36.80	\$28.63
Second Quarter	\$33.85	\$20.64
Third Quarter	\$26.22	\$15.75
Fourth Quarter	\$21.70	\$16.08
Fiscal 2008		
First Quarter	\$38.27	\$33.81
Second Quarter	\$40.08	\$35.03
Third Quarter	\$39.93	\$28.32
Fourth Quarter	\$37.78	\$30.89

On June 22, 2009, the number of holders of record of common stock was 3,597. The transfer agent for the Company’s common stock is Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., 161 North Concord Exchange, South St. Paul, Minnesota, 55075-0738, telephone: (651) 450-4064.

The Company has not paid any cash dividends on its common stock since its initial public offering in 1992 and expects that for the foreseeable future it will follow a policy of retaining earnings in order to finance the continued development of its business. Payment of dividends is within the discretion of the Company’s Board of Directors and will depend upon the earnings, capital requirements and operating and financial condition of the Company, among other factors.

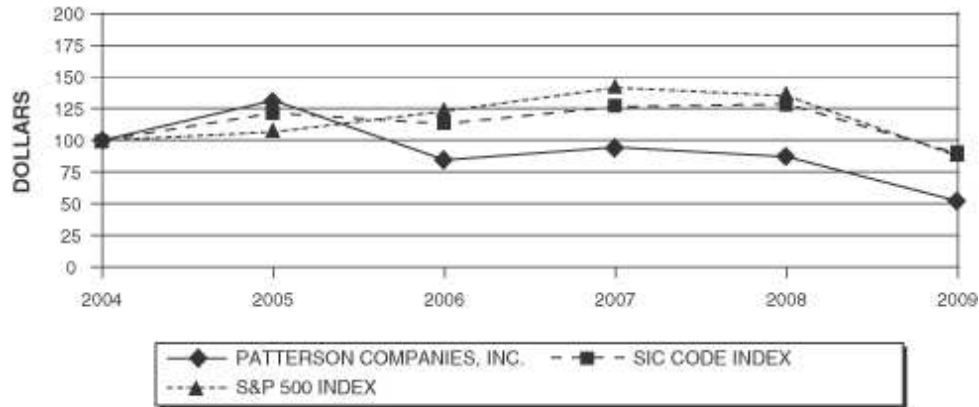
For information relating to securities authorized for issuance under equity compensation plans, see Part III, Item 12.

In September 2004, the Company’s Board of Directors approved a stock repurchase program under which the Company may repurchase up to six million shares of common stock in open market transactions. In December 2007, the Company’s Board of Directors expanded this program to allow for the purchase of up to twenty five million shares of common stock in open market transactions. As of April 25, 2009, 5,905,430 shares remain available under the repurchase authorization, which expires on December 31, 2012.

The Company did not repurchase shares of common stock during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2009 ended April 25, 2009.

The graph below compares the cumulative total shareholder return on \$100 invested at the market close on April 23, 2004, the last trading day before the beginning of our 2005 fiscal year, through the end of fiscal 2009 with the cumulative return of the same time period on the same amount invested in the S&P 500 Index and a Peer Group Index, consisting of 8 companies (including our company) based on the same Standard Industrial Classification Code.* The chart below the graph sets forth the actual numbers depicted on the graph.

COMPARISON OF 5-YEAR CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURN
AMONG PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC.,
S&P 500 INDEX AND SIC CODE INDEX



ASSUMES \$100 INVESTED ON APR. 24, 2004
ASSUMES DIVIDEND REINVESTED

COMPANY/INDEX/MARKET	FISCAL YEAR ENDING					
	4/24/2004	4/30/2005	4/29/2006	4/28/2007	4/26/2008	4/25/2009
Patterson Companies, Inc.	100.00	131.28	84.61	94.22	87.03	51.68
Medical & Hospital Equipment	100.00	121.61	113.03	126.55	128.38	89.55
S&P Composite	100.00	106.34	122.73	141.43	134.82	87.21

* The current composition of SIC Code 5047—Medical & Hospital Equipment—is as follows:

ANIMAL HEALTH INTERNATIONAL, INC., CHINDEX INTERNATIONAL, INC., HENRY SCHEIN, INC., MWI VETERINARY SUPPLY, INC., NYER MEDICAL GROUP, INC., OWENS & MINOR, INC., PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC., PSS WORLD MEDICAL, INC.

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Item 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

	Fiscal Year Ended				
	April 25, 2009	April 26, 2008	April 28, 2007	April 29, 2006	April 30, 2005
Statement of Operations Data:					
Net sales	\$3,094,227	\$2,998,729	\$2,798,398	\$2,615,123	\$2,421,457
Cost of sales	2,050,703	1,967,004	1,829,526	1,700,694	1,558,946
Gross margin	1,043,524	1,031,725	968,872	914,429	862,511
Operating expenses	697,298	672,522	633,182	591,417	560,375
Operating income	346,226	359,203	335,690	323,012	302,136
Other expense – net	(26,575)	(1,775)	(6,082)	(6,039)	(8,689)
Income before income taxes	319,651	357,428	329,608	316,973	293,447
Income taxes	120,016	132,570	121,272	118,548	109,749
Net income	<u>\$ 199,635</u>	<u>\$ 224,858</u>	<u>\$ 208,336</u>	<u>\$ 198,425</u>	<u>\$ 183,698</u>
Diluted earnings per share	<u>\$ 1.69</u>	<u>\$ 1.69</u>	<u>\$ 1.51</u>	<u>\$ 1.43</u>	<u>\$ 1.32</u>
Weighted average shares and potentially dilutive shares outstanding	<u>118,355</u>	<u>132,910</u>	<u>137,769</u>	<u>139,234</u>	<u>138,873</u>
Dividends per common share	—	—	—	—	—
Balance Sheet Data:					
Working capital	\$ 603,295	\$ 518,974	\$ 509,021	\$ 437,727	\$ 470,439
Total assets	2,133,620	2,076,373	1,940,320	1,911,718	1,685,301
Total debt	547,000	655,034	180,024	300,041	321,557
Stockholders' equity	1,186,320	1,004,787	1,379,214	1,242,521	1,015,072

(1) See the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 8. of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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Item 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Overview

The Company's fiscal 2009 financial information is summarized in this Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Consolidated Financial Statements, and the related Notes. The following background is essential to more fully understand the Company's financial information.

Patterson operates a distribution business in three complementary markets: dental supply, veterinary supply and rehabilitation supply. Historically the Company's strategy for growth focused on internal growth and the acquisition of smaller distributors and businesses offering related products and services to the dental market. In fiscal 2002, the Company expanded its strategy to take advantage of a parallel growth opportunity in the veterinary supply market by acquiring the assets of J. A. Webster, Inc. on July 9, 2001. The Company added a third component to its business platform in fiscal 2004 when it entered the rehabilitation supply market with the acquisition of AbilityOne Products Corp. ("AbilityOne") on September 12, 2003. AbilityOne is now known as Patterson Medical.

Operating margins of the veterinary business are considerably lower than the dental and rehabilitation supply businesses. While operating expenses run at a lower rate in the veterinary business, its gross margin is substantially lower. Over the past two years, the veterinary business has grown at a faster rate than the other two businesses, resulting in dilution of the consolidated operating margin.

There are several important aspects of the Company's business that are useful in analyzing the Company, including: (1) market growth in the various markets it operates; (2) internal growth; (3) growth through acquisition; and (4) continued focus on controlling costs and enhancing efficiency. Management defines "internal growth" as the increase in net sales from period to period, excluding the impact of changes in currency exchange rates, and excluding the net sales, for a period of twelve months following the transaction date, of businesses that it has acquired.

During fiscal 2008, the Company executed a series of transactions that effectively changed our capital structure, lowering our weighted average cost of capital by almost 100 basis points, and positioned the Company to increase returns to our shareholders. First, the Company repurchased approximately 18 million shares of its common stock on the open market and through an accelerated share repurchase agreement for approximately \$636 million. A portion of the funding for the share repurchases came from debt issued in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2008, consisting of fixed-rate private placement notes totaling \$450 million and a variable-rate term loan of \$75 million.

Results of Operations

The following table summarizes the consolidated results of operations over the past three fiscal years as a percent of sales:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Net sales	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Cost of sales	66.3%	65.6%	65.4%
Gross margin	33.7%	34.4%	34.6%
Operating expenses	22.5%	22.4%	22.6%
Operating income	11.2%	12.0%	12.0%
Other income, net	0.1%	0.3%	0.3%
Interest expense	1.0%	0.4%	0.5%
Income before taxes	10.3%	11.9%	11.8%
Income taxes	3.9%	4.4%	4.3%
Net income	<u>6.5%</u>	<u>7.5%</u>	<u>7.5%</u>

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Fiscal 2009 Compared to Fiscal 2008

Net Sales. Fiscal 2009 consolidated sales were \$3,094.2 million, an increase of 3.2% compared to \$2,998.7 million in fiscal 2008. Acquisitions contributed 3.8% to sales growth, resulting primarily from an acquisition by the veterinary unit. Fluctuations in foreign currency translation rates reduced sales by 1.1%. During fiscal 2009, sales at each of our business units were adversely affected by the economic recession. The Company believes the weakness in the general economy will continue to affect our performance in fiscal 2010.

Sales of our consolidated dental supply unit totaled \$2,174.4 million, a decrease of 0.3% from \$2,181.3 million in fiscal 2008. Acquisitions had a positive impact on sales of 0.9%, while fluctuations in foreign currency rates related to our dental operations in Canada reduced sales by 1.0%. Sales of dental consumable supplies of \$1,217.2 million were virtually unchanged from fiscal 2008. In the first half of fiscal 2009, an economy-related trend of patients deferring higher-level and discretionary services began and continued throughout the year.

Dental equipment sales declined 1.7% in fiscal 2009, including a 2.0% decrease in basic equipment. Sales of CEREC® 3D dental restorative systems were 0.7% lower in fiscal 2009, but did grow 5.7% in the second half of fiscal 2009 as compared to the second half of fiscal 2008. CEREC system sales in the second half of the year benefitted from promotional financing arrangements that were made available to qualified customers, as well as the January 2009 introduction of a new digital image acquisition unit by the manufacturer, Sirona Dental Systems, which provides significantly greater ease of use and imaging precision.

Other dental sales, consisting primarily of technical service parts and labor, software support services and artificial teeth, grew 3.2% in fiscal 2009.

Webster Veterinary fiscal 2009 sales of \$550.6 million increased 23.3% from \$446.4 million in fiscal 2008. Acquisitions, primarily the Columbus Serum Company (“Columbus”) acquired in October 2008, contributed 19.7% of the sales growth. During the second half of the year, veterinary clinics were negatively affected by the contracted economy.

Sales declined 0.5% at Patterson Medical, including a negative impact of 2.9% related to foreign currency rates. The impact of currency on sales growth was partially offset by a contribution of 1.6% from acquisitions.

Gross Margin. Consolidated gross margin declined 70 basis points to 33.7% due to the Veterinary unit’s sales representing a larger percentage of consolidated sales in fiscal 2009. Since Veterinary gross margins are lower than the other two business units, the increase in Veterinary’s sales as a percentage of consolidated sales has a dilutive impact on the consolidated gross margin. In addition, the gross margin of Columbus is somewhat lower than the historical Webster Veterinary gross margin.

The Dental segment’s gross margin was unchanged from fiscal 2008.

Gross margin of the Veterinary unit declined 110 basis points in fiscal 2009, due mostly to lower levels of vendor rebates earned and the lower Columbus gross margins. The negative impact of Columbus on gross margin is expected to moderate as the business becomes fully integrated.

Patterson Medical’s gross margin improved 40 basis points, due mostly to better freight management and product pricing.

Operating Expenses. The consolidated operating expense ratio in fiscal 2009 was 22.5%, or 10 basis points higher than fiscal 2008. Beginning the third quarter of fiscal 2009, the Company began taking steps related to a range of cost control initiatives including a hiring freeze except in the area of sales representatives, a wage freeze and restrictions on travel.

Operating expenses as a percent of sales at the Dental unit increased 70 basis points, reflecting lost leverage on lower than planned sales. The Veterinary unit’s operating expense ratio improved 30 basis points due

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primarily to the Columbus business, which had a somewhat lower operating expense ratio as compared to that of the historical Veterinary unit's operations.

Patterson Medical's operating expense ratio was 50 basis points lower in fiscal 2009. In addition to the impact of expense control initiatives, the impact of added infrastructure expense at the branch locations added over the past three years has dissipated as the locations have become more established.

Operating Income. Operating income was \$346.2 million in fiscal 2009, down \$13.0 million, or 3.6%, from \$359.2 million in fiscal 2008. Operating margin was 11.2% and 12.0% in fiscal years 2009 and 2008, respectively.

Interest Expense. Interest expense was \$30.1 million compared to \$12.8 million in fiscal 2008. In March 2008, the Company issued \$525 million of long-term debt which resulted in the higher level of interest expense in fiscal 2009.

Other Income, net. Other income, net of other expenses, was \$3.6 million compared to \$11.0 million in fiscal 2008. Interest income decreased \$4.3 million due primarily to a decline in interest rates on cash and cash equivalents.

Income Taxes. The effective income tax rate was 37.5% in fiscal 2009 as compared to 37.1% in fiscal 2008.

Net Income and Earnings Per Share. Net income declined 11.2% to \$199.6 million due to a decrease in operating income and an increase in interest expense. Share repurchase activity in the second half of fiscal 2008 resulted in a decrease in shares outstanding in fiscal 2009. Earnings per diluted share and dilutive shares outstanding were \$1.69 and 118.4 million, respectively, in fiscal 2009 and \$1.69 and 132.9 million, respectively, in fiscal 2008.

Fiscal 2008 Compared to Fiscal 2007

Net Sales. Consolidated sales in fiscal 2008 totaled \$2,998.7 million, an increase of 7.2% compared to \$2,798.4 million in fiscal 2007. Foreign currency translation rates contributed one percentage point and acquisitions contributed 0.6% to the sales growth in fiscal 2008.

Sales of our dental supply unit increased 5.7% to \$2,181.3 million. Sales of dental consumable supplies grew 5.5%. Dental equipment sales grew 4.2%, including basic equipment growth of 4.3%. Sales of CEREC® 3D dental restorative systems rose 3.7%.

Other dental sales, consisting primarily of technical service parts and labor, software support services and artificial teeth, grew 11.7% in fiscal 2008.

Webster Veterinary sales grew 11.8% to \$446.4 million from \$399.4 million. In January 2007, Webster made a strategic decision to drop a line of products previously sold under an agency agreement, including flea/tick and heartworm products, and replaced them with fully distributed product offerings from several vendor partners. This transition progressed throughout the year as planned, although there was a modest negative impact to Webster's operating metrics during the first half of fiscal 2008.

Sales growth of 11.0% at Patterson Medical included the contribution of new branch offices that have been established by acquisition and greenfield expansion. As a part of its initiative to expand and strengthen its value-added model, the rehabilitation unit opened 12 branch offices in selected markets throughout the United States during fiscal 2008 and fiscal 2007. The November 2007 acquisition of PTOS software, a leading line of practice management software for physical therapists, enables Patterson Medical to create relationships with new customers and deepen relationships with existing customers.

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Gross Margin. Consolidated gross margin of 34.4% was 20 basis points lower in fiscal 2008 due to declines at Patterson Medical and Webster Veterinary. In addition, the sales growth of Webster outpaced both the dental and rehabilitation segments, resulting in a dilutive impact to consolidated gross margin.

The Dental segment's gross margin was flat, despite approximately \$2 million of expense related to a distribution agreement fee which began to be amortized in October 2007. In addition, local currency pricing in Canada was lowered in the third quarter of fiscal 2008 in response to the strengthening of the Canadian dollar compared to the United States dollar.

Gross margin decreased by 50 basis points in fiscal 2008 at the Veterinary unit. This was largely a result of the decision to terminate an agency relationship late in the third quarter of fiscal 2007, as replacement offerings for the products previously sold under the agency relationship are now being fully distributed.

Patterson Medical's gross margin declined 20 basis points, due mostly to higher freight costs in the early part of fiscal 2008. In the second half of the year, better freight management and product pricing mitigated much of the higher freight costs.

Operating Expenses. The consolidated operating expense ratio improved 20 basis points to 22.4%.

Operating expenses as a percent of sales at the Dental unit decreased 30 basis points, reflecting the leverage of infrastructure investments over the past two years and the elimination of duplicate costs from the distribution system. The operating expense ratio of the Veterinary unit declined 50 basis points due both to leverage on higher sales volume and distribution system realignment, including the closing of a stand-alone warehouse.

Patterson Medical's operating expense ratio was 100 basis points higher in fiscal 2008, resulting from the infrastructure expense of adding branch locations through both acquisition and internal startups.

Operating Income. Operating income was \$359.2 million or 12.0% of net sales in fiscal 2008. This amount represents an increase of 7.0% from \$335.7 million in fiscal 2007. Operating margin in fiscal 2007 was also 12.0%.

Interest Expense. Interest expense was \$12.8 million compared to \$14.2 million in fiscal 2007. The average debt balance carried for the majority of fiscal 2008 was lower than in fiscal 2007, resulting in the decrease in interest expense.

Other Income, net. Other income, net of other expenses, increased to \$11.0 million from \$8.1 million due to higher levels of interest income and foreign currency transaction gains.

Income Taxes. The effective income tax rate was 37.1% in fiscal 2008, slightly higher than a rate of 36.8% in the prior year.

Net Income and Earnings Per Share. Net income increased 7.9% to \$224.9 million. Earnings per diluted share of \$1.69 represents an increase of \$0.18 or 11.9% from the \$1.51 earnings per share reported in fiscal 2007. Approximately 18 million shares of common stock were repurchased in the second half of fiscal 2008.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Patterson's operating cash flow has been the Company's principal source of liquidity in the last three fiscal years. The issuance of \$525 million of debt in the March 2008 was used primarily to repurchase shares of the

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Company's common stock. During fiscal 2009, the Company used its revolving credit facility periodically as a source of liquidity in addition to operating cash flow.

Operating activities generated cash of \$124.0 million in fiscal 2009, compared with \$265.4 million in fiscal 2008 and \$243.5 million in fiscal 2007. In the second half of fiscal 2009, the Company invested in a financing program to support marketing efforts directed at the CEREC product line. This promotion, which ended at the close of fiscal 2009, generated approximately \$98 million of finance contracts that the Company could not immediately sell to our funding sources due to certain requirements in those funding arrangements. The Company expects to fully liquidate these contracts in fiscal 2010, resulting in an incremental \$98 million of cash flow in the year.

Capital expenditures were \$32.3, \$36.0 and \$19.5 million in fiscal years 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively. Fiscal 2009 and 2008 significant expenditures included the expansion of our general office building and the expansion of existing distribution facilities to accommodate multiple business units, in addition to continuing investments in information systems. At April 25, 2009, one distribution facility expansion in Florida remains in progress.

The Company expects to invest approximately \$25 million in capital expenditures during fiscal 2009, including the completion of the distribution center project in progress as of April 25, 2009 and investments in information systems.

Cash used for acquisitions totaled \$124.8 million in fiscal 2009. The acquisitions of the Columbus Serum Company and Dolphin Imaging Systems, LLC and Dolphin Practice Management, LLC accounted for the majority of the cash used.

Payments on long-term debt in fiscal 2009 were \$130 million and related to a scheduled retirement of debt that had been issued in fiscal 2004. As of April 25, 2009, \$22 million was outstanding under a revolving credit facility which expires in fiscal 2013. A maximum of \$300 million is available under this facility.

As noted above in March 2008, the Company closed on \$525 million of long-term debt financing which was comprised of \$450 million of fixed-rate private notes with maturities of five, seven and 10 years in addition to a \$75 million five-year term loan at a floating rate of interest through a group of banks. The Company used \$250 million of the debt financing to repurchase shares under an accelerated share repurchase agreement ("ASR"). The remaining proceeds from the debt issuances were used to repay borrowings under the Company's revolving credit agreement and for general corporate purposes.

During the second half of fiscal 2008, the Company purchased shares of its common stock on the open market, under a 25 million share repurchase program authorized by the board of directors. In the fourth quarter of fiscal 2008, the Company entered into an ASR under which it paid \$250 million and took an initial delivery of 6.3 million shares. In total, the Company repurchased approximately 18 million shares for \$636.1 million during fiscal 2008. Under the terms of the ASR, the Company could have received additional shares, or could have been required to pay the counterparty in the form of either cash or shares. The final settlement of the ASR occurred in June 2008, with an additional 1.1 million shares delivered to the Company. As of April 25, 2009, 5.9 million shares can be repurchased under the current authorization by the board of directors, which expires on December 31, 2012. Going forward, in the absence of desirable acquisition opportunities, the Company would likely return excess cash to its shareholders through additional open market purchases of its common stock, or may consider initiating a dividend strategy.

Management expects funds generated from operations and existing cash to be sufficient to meet the Company's working capital needs for the next fiscal year. The Company expects to continue to obtain liquidity from the sale of its equipment finance contracts, including the \$98 million of finance contracts generated during fiscal 2009. In addition, as of April 25, 2009, \$278 million is available under a revolving credit facility. The

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Company's existing debt facilities are believed to be adequate as a supplement to internally generated cash flows to fund anticipated expansion plans and strategic initiatives.

The Company sells a significant portion of its installment sale contracts to a commercial paper funded conduit managed by a third party bank, and as a result, commercial paper is indirectly an important source of liquidity for the Company. The Company is allowed to participate in the conduit due to the quality of its finance contracts and its financial strength. Cash flow could be impaired if the Company's financial strength diminished to a level that precluded the Company from taking part in this facility or other similar facilities. Also, market conditions outside of the Company's control could adversely affect the ability of the Company to sell the contracts.

Customer Financing Arrangements

The Company is a party to two arrangements under which it sells finance contracts it receives from its customers to outside financial institutions. These arrangements currently provide sources of liquidity for the Company that would have to be replaced should the current financial institutions be unable or unwilling to continue in the arrangements. The Company's financing business is described in further detail in Note 6 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in Item 8 of this Form 10-K. Note 6, "Customer Financing", discusses the nature and business purpose of the arrangements and the activity under each arrangement during fiscal 2009, including the amount of finance contracts sold and residual interests held by the Company.

Contractual Obligations

A summary of the Company's contractual obligations as of April 25, 2009 follows (in thousands):

Contractual Obligations	Payment due by year				
		Less than			More than
	Total	1 year	1-3 years	3-5 years	5 years
Long-Term Debt	\$547,000	\$22,000	\$ —	125,000	400,000
Interest on Long-Term Debt	168,232	25,880	51,045	46,576	44,731
Operating Leases	50,688	14,599	21,442	11,473	3,174

As discussed in Note 11 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements, the Company adopted the provisions of FIN 48 at the beginning of fiscal 2008. The Company is unable to determine its contractual obligations by year related to this pronouncement, as the ultimate amount or timing of settlement of its reserves for income taxes cannot be reasonably estimated. The total liability for unrecognized tax benefits including interest and penalties as of April 25, 2009, is \$20.7 million.

In addition, the Company is contractually committed to approximately \$6 million of capital expenditures relating to a distribution facility construction project that is in-process as of April 25, 2009. For a more complete description of our contractual obligations, see Notes 7 and 10 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in Item 8 of this Form 10-K.

Outlook

Over the last 10 years, the Company has been able to grow revenue and earnings through its strategy of emphasizing its value-added, full-service capabilities, using technology to enhance customer service, continuing to improve operating efficiencies, and growing through internal expansion and acquisitions. While we believe that the weakness in the general economy that existed throughout much of fiscal 2009 will continue to affect our performance for at least several more quarters, the Company's strategy will continue to focus on these key elements. With strong operating cash flow and available credit capacity, the Company is confident that it will be able to financially support its future growth. The strategic initiatives that the Company has implemented in the

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past several years, as well as those that will be implemented in fiscal 2010 and beyond, will strengthen the Company's operational platform and contribute to future growth. Given these factors, the Company considers itself well positioned to capitalize upon the growth opportunities in the dental supply, companion-pet veterinary supply and the worldwide rehabilitation supply markets.

Asset Management

The following table summarizes the Company's days sales outstanding (DSO) and inventory turnover the past three fiscal years:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Days sales outstanding ⁽¹⁾	56	43	44
Inventory turnover ⁽²⁾	6.8	6.8	7.2

- (1) Receivables as of April 25, 2009 include approximately \$98 million of finance contracts received from customers related to a financing promotion. The Company expects to sell these contracts to outside institutions under existing agreements during fiscal 2010. If these finance contracts are excluded from the calculation of DSO, the pro forma DSO would be 44.
- (2) The inventory values used in this calculation are the LIFO inventory values for all inventories except for manufactured inventories and foreign inventories, which are valued using FIFO inventory methods.

Foreign Operations

Foreign sales are derived primarily from Patterson Dental and Patterson Medical operations in Canada and from Patterson Medical's operations in the U.K. and France. Fluctuations in currency exchange rates have not significantly impacted earnings. However, changes in exchange rates adversely affected net sales in fiscal 2009 and enhanced net sales in fiscal 2008 and 2007. Without foreign currency effects, net sales would have been \$33.4 million higher, \$27.0 million lower and \$12.3 million lower in fiscal years 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively. Changes in currency exchange rates are a risk accompanying foreign operations, but this risk is not considered material with respect to the consolidated operations of the Company.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The Company has adopted various accounting policies to prepare its consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Management believes that the Company's policies are conservative and its philosophy is to adopt accounting policies that minimize the risk of adverse events having a material impact on recorded assets and liabilities. However, the preparation of financial statements requires the use of estimates and judgments regarding the realization of assets and the settlement of liabilities based on the information available to management at the time. Changes subsequent to the preparation of the financial statements in economic, technological and competitive conditions may materially impact the recorded values of the Company's assets and liabilities. Therefore, the users of the financial statements should read all the notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements and be aware that conditions currently unknown to management may develop in the future. This may require a material adjustment to a recorded asset or liability to consistently apply the Company's significant accounting principles and policies that are discussed in Note 1 to the Consolidated Financial Statements. The financial performance and condition of the Company may also be materially impacted by transactions and events that the Company has not previously experienced and for which the Company has not been required to establish an accounting policy or adopt a generally accepted accounting principle.

Revenue Recognition—Our revenue recognition processes involve establishing estimates for returns, damaged goods, rebates and other revenue allowances. These estimates are based on historical experience and the

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facts known at the date of the preparation of the financial statements, but future events could cause actual results to vary from our estimates.

Inventory and Reserves —Inventory consists primarily of merchandise held for sale and is stated at the lower of cost or market. Cost is determined using the last-in, first-out (LIFO) method for all inventories, except for foreign inventories and manufactured inventories, which are valued using the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method. The Company continually assesses the valuation of our inventories and reduces the carrying value of those inventories that are obsolete or in excess of our forecasted usage to estimated realizable value. Estimates are made of the net realizable value of such inventories based on analyses and assumptions including, but not limited to, historical usage, future demand and market requirements.

Goodwill and Other Indefinite-Lived Intangible Assets— Goodwill represents the excess of cost over the fair value of identifiable net assets of businesses acquired. Other indefinite-lived intangible assets include copyrights, trade names and trademarks.

The Financial Accounting Standards Board's ("FASB") Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 142, "*Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*" ("SFAS No. 142"), requires that goodwill for each reporting unit be reviewed for impairment at least annually. The Company has three reporting segments at April 25, 2009, which are the same as our operating units. The Company tests goodwill for impairment using the two-step process prescribed in SFAS No. 142.

Fair value is determined using valuation techniques, including discounted cash flows and market multiple analyses. These types of analyses contain uncertainties because they require management to make assumptions and to apply judgment to estimate industry economic factors and the profitability of future business strategies. The Company conducts impairment testing based on our current business strategy in light of present industry and economic conditions, as well as future expectations.

In the fourth quarter of fiscal 2009, management completed its annual goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangible asset impairment tests and determined there was no impairment. Although the Company believes our estimates and assumptions used in estimating cash flows and determining fair value are reasonable, making material changes to such estimates and assumptions could materially affect such impairment analyses and our financial results, including an impairment charge that could be material.

Long-Lived Assets —Long-lived assets, including definite-lived intangible assets, are evaluated for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the assets may not be recoverable through the estimated undiscounted future cash flows derived from such assets. The Company's definite-lived intangible assets primarily consist of an exclusive distribution agreement and customer lists. When impairment exists, the related assets are written down to fair value.

Income Taxes —The Company is subject to income taxes in both the U.S. and numerous foreign jurisdictions. Significant judgments are required in determining the consolidated provision for income taxes.

During the ordinary course of business, there are many transactions and calculations for which the ultimate tax determination is uncertain. As a result, the Company recognizes tax liabilities based on estimates of whether additional taxes and interest will be due. These tax liabilities are recognized when, despite the Company's belief that its tax return positions are supportable, the Company believes that certain positions may not be fully sustained upon review by tax authorities. The Company believes that its accruals for tax liabilities are adequate for all open audit years based on its assessment of many factors including past experience and interpretations of tax law. This assessment relies on estimates and assumptions and may involve a series of complex judgments about future events. To the extent that the final tax outcome of these matters is different than the amounts recorded, such differences will impact income tax expense in the period in which such determination is made and could materially affect our financial results.

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To the extent that the provision for income taxes would have increased/decreased by 1 percent of income before taxes, consolidated net income would have decreased/increased \$3.2 million in fiscal 2009.

Share-based Compensation —The Company accounts for share-based payment awards in accordance with SFAS No. 123(R). The Company recognizes share-based compensation based on certain assumptions including inputs within the Black-Scholes Model and estimated forfeitures. These assumptions require subjective judgment and changes in the assumptions can materially affect fair value estimates. Management assesses the assumptions and methodologies used to estimate forfeitures and to calculate estimated fair value of share-based compensation on a regular basis. Circumstances may change, and additional data may become available over time, which could result in changes to these assumptions and methodologies and thereby materially impact our fair value determination or estimates of forfeitures. If factors change and the Company employs different assumptions in the application of SFAS No. 123(R), the amount of compensation expense associated with SFAS No. 123(R) may differ significantly from what was recorded in the current period.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (“SFAS”) No. 157, “*Fair Value Measurements*” (“SFAS No. 157”), which defines fair value, provides a framework for measuring fair value, and expands the disclosures required for assets and liabilities measured at fair value. SFAS No. 157 applies to existing accounting pronouncements that require fair value measurements, but it does not require any new fair value measurements. In February 2008, the FASB issued Staff Position FAS 157-2, which deferred the effective date of SFAS No. 157 as it relates to nonfinancial assets and liabilities. The Company adopted the disclosure requirements of the effective portions of SFAS No. 157 at the beginning of fiscal 2009. The Company is evaluating the impact of the remaining portions of SFAS No. 157, which are effective at the beginning of our fiscal year 2010.

In February 2007, the FASB issued Statement No. 159, “*The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities*” (“SFAS 159”), which permits entities to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value. The Company adopted SFAS No. 159 beginning the first quarter of fiscal 2009, but did not elect the fair value option for any of its financial assets or liabilities.

In March 2008, the FASB issued Statement No. 161, “*Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, an amendment of FASB Statement No. 133*” (“SFAS No. 161”). SFAS No. 161 requires enhanced disclosures about derivatives and hedging activities and was adopted in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2009. Since SFAS No. 161 requires only additional disclosures concerning derivatives and hedging activities, the adoption of SFAS No. 161 did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In December 2007, FASB issued Statement No. 141(revised 2007), “*Business Combinations*” (“SFAS No. 141(R)”). SFAS No. 141(R) significantly changes the accounting for business combinations in a number of areas including the treatment of contingent consideration, preacquisition contingencies, transaction costs, in-process research and development and restructuring costs. In addition, under SFAS No. 141 (R), changes in an acquired entity’s deferred tax assets and uncertain tax positions after the measurement period will impact income tax expense. SFAS No. 141(R) is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008 and will change our accounting treatment for business combinations on a prospective basis.

In June 2009, the FASB issued Statement No. 166, “*Accounting for Transfers of Financial Assets-an Amendment of FASB Statement No. 140*” (“SFAS No. 166”) and Statement No. 167, “*Amendments to FASB Interpretation No. 46(R)*” (“SFAS No. 167”). SFAS No. 166 will require more information about transfers of financial assets, including securitization transactions, and where companies have continuing exposure to the risks related to transferred financial assets. It eliminates the concept of a “qualifying special-purpose entity,” changes the requirements for derecognizing financial assets, and requires additional disclosures. SFAS No. 167 changes how a company determines when an entity that is insufficiently capitalized or is not controlled through voting (or

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similar rights) should be consolidated. Both SFAS No. 166 and SFAS No. 167 are effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2009. The Company is evaluating the impact SFAS No. 166 and SFAS No. 167 will have on our consolidated financial statements.

Factors That May Affect Future Operating Results

Certain information of a non-historical nature contained in Items 1, 2, 3 and 7 of this Form 10-K include forward-looking statements. Words such as “believes,” “expects,” “plans,” “estimates,” “intends” and variations of such words are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. The statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to certain risks, uncertainties or assumptions that are difficult to predict; therefore, the Company cautions shareholders and prospective investors that the following important factors, among others, could cause the Company’s actual operating results to differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements. The factors listed under this caption are intended to serve as cautionary statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The following information is not intended to limit in any way the characterization of other statements or information under other captions as cautionary statements for such purpose. The order in which such factors appear below should not be construed to indicate their relative importance or priority.

- Economic conditions and volatility in the financial markets could adversely affect our operating results and financial condition.
- The Company’s ability to meet increased competition from national, regional and local full-service distributors and mail-order distributors of dental, veterinary and rehabilitation products, while maintaining current or improved profit margins.
- The ability of the Company to effectuate modifications to the business models of its three operating units to address changes in the individual markets of those business units.
- The ability of the Company to consolidate the distribution, information services, human resources, financial and other administrative functions of its three business units jointly shared services which meet the needs of the individual business units.
- The ability of the Company to manage rapidly changing energy and commodity prices.
- The ability of the Company to retain its base of customers and to increase its market share.
- The ability of the Company to maintain satisfactory relationships with qualified and motivated sales personnel.
- The ability of the Company to provide for an orderly management succession, including the ability to recruit skilled personnel for the business, and then identify and train our personnel for their transition into key roles to support the long-term growth of the business.
- The continued ability of the Company to maintain satisfactory relationships with key vendors and the ability of the Company to create relationships with additional manufacturers of quality, innovative products.
- Changes in the economics of dentistry affecting dental practice growth and the demand for dental products, including the ability and willingness of dentists to invest in high-technology diagnostic and therapeutic products.
- Reduced growth in expenditures for dental services by private dental insurance plans.
- The accuracy of the Company’s assumptions concerning future per capita expenditures for dental services, including assumptions as to population growth and the demand for preventive and specialty dental services such as periodontic, endodontic and orthodontic procedures.

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- The rate of growth in demand for infection control products currently used for prevention of the spread of communicable diseases such as AIDS, hepatitis and herpes.
- Changes in the economics of the veterinary supply market, including reduced growth in per capita expenditures for veterinary services and reduced growth in the number of households owning pets.
- The effects of healthcare related legislation and regulation, which may affect expenditures or reimbursements for rehabilitation and assistive products.

Item 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Market Risk

The Company is exposed to market risk consisting of foreign currency rate fluctuations and changes in interest rates.

The Company is exposed to foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations in its operating statement due to transactions denominated primarily in Canadian Dollars, British Pounds and Euros. Although historically the Company has elected not to enter into any hedging contracts, it continually evaluates its foreign currency exchange rate risk and the different mechanisms for use in managing such risk. A hypothetical 10% change in the value of the U.S. dollar in relation to the Company's most significant foreign currency exposures would have had an impact of approximately \$27 million on fiscal 2009 net sales. This amount is not indicative of the hypothetical net earnings impact due to the partially offsetting impact of the currency exchange movements on cost of sales and operating expenses.

The Company's earnings are also affected by fluctuations in short-term interest rates through the investment of its cash balances, borrowings under LIBOR-based debt instruments and the practice of selling fixed rate equipment finance contracts under agreements with both a commercial paper conduit and a group of banks that provide for pricing based on variable interest rates.

As of April 25, 2009, the Company had a \$75 million variable-rate term note outstanding and \$22 million drawn on a variable-rate revolving credit facility. The Company views its variable interest rate debt position on a net basis that gives effect to the Company's cash and short term investments balances.

When considering the exposure under the agreements whereby the Company sells equipment finance contracts to both a commercial paper conduit and a group of banks, the Company has the ability to select pricing based on interest rates ranging from 30 day LIBOR up to twelve month LIBOR. In addition, the portfolio of installment contracts generally turns over in less than 48 months and the Company can adjust the rate it charges on new customer contracts at any time. Therefore, in times where the interest rate markets are not rapidly increasing or decreasing, the average interest rate in the portfolio generally moves with the interest rate markets and thus would parallel the underlying interest rate movement of the pricing built into the sale agreements. In calculating the gain on the contract sales, the Company uses an interest rate curve that approximates the maturity period of the then-outstanding contracts. If increases in the interest rate markets occur, the average interest rate in our contract portfolio may not increase at the same rate, resulting in a reduction of gain on the contracts sales as compared to the gain that would be realized if the average interest rate in our portfolio were to increase at a more similar rate to the interest rate markets.

The Company estimates that if interest rates had been 10% higher during the year, the annual impact would have been to reduce earnings before income tax by approximately \$4 million.

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Item 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Board of Directors and Shareholders
Patterson Companies, Inc.

We have audited Patterson Companies, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as of April 25, 2009, based on criteria established in *Internal Control—Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (the COSO criteria). Patterson Companies, Inc.'s management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting included in Management's Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting appearing in Item 9A, Controls and Procedures, of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Patterson Companies, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, Patterson Companies, Inc. maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of April 25, 2009, based on the COSO criteria.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheets of Patterson Companies, Inc. and subsidiaries as of April 25, 2009, and April 26, 2008, and the related consolidated statements of income, changes in stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three fiscal years in the period ended April 25, 2009, and our report dated June 23, 2009, expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Minneapolis, Minnesota
June 23, 2009

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Board of Directors and Shareholders
Patterson Companies, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Patterson Companies, Inc. and subsidiaries as of April 25, 2009, and April 26, 2008, and the related consolidated statements of income, changes in stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three fiscal years in the period ended April 25, 2009. Our audits also included the financial statement schedule listed in Item 15(a)(2). These financial statements and schedule are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and schedule based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Patterson Companies, Inc. and subsidiaries at April 25, 2009, and April 26, 2008, and the consolidated results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three fiscal years in the period ended April 25, 2009, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Also, in our opinion, the related financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), Patterson Companies, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as of April 25, 2009, based on criteria established in *Internal Control—Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission, and our report dated June 23, 2009, expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Minneapolis, Minnesota
June 23, 2009

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PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(In thousands, except per share amounts)

	April 25, 2009	April 26, 2008
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 158,065	\$ 308,164
Receivables, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$9,773 and \$8,030 at April 25, 2009 and April 26, 2008, respectively	476,156	364,050
Inventory	269,934	281,238
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	33,440	31,589
Total current assets	937,595	985,041
Property and equipment, net	166,500	148,932
Long-term receivables, net	51,572	54,392
Goodwill	747,104	681,352
Identifiable intangibles, net	220,932	200,398
Other	9,917	6,258
Total assets	<u>\$2,133,620</u>	<u>\$2,076,373</u>
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 180,933	\$ 194,405
Accrued payroll expense	45,105	51,560
Other accrued expense	84,855	90,092
Income taxes payable	1,407	—
Current maturities of long-term debt	22,000	130,010
Total current liabilities	334,300	466,067
Long-term debt	525,000	525,024
Deferred income taxes	64,141	57,806
Other	23,859	22,689
Total liabilities	947,300	1,071,586
Stockholders' equity:		
Common Stock, \$.01 par value:		
Authorized shares—600,000		
Issued and outstanding shares—122,042 and 122,357 at April 25, 2009, and April 26, 2008, respectively	1,220	1,224
Additional paid-in capital	20,320	—
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income	(8,867)	31,352
Retained earnings	1,293,609	1,093,974
Notes receivable from ESOP	(119,962)	(121,763)
Total stockholders' equity	1,186,320	1,004,787
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$2,133,620</u>	<u>\$2,076,373</u>

See accompanying notes

PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(In thousands, except per share amounts)

	Fiscal Year Ended		
	April 25, 2009	April 26, 2008	April 28, 2007
Net sales	\$3,094,227	\$2,998,729	\$2,798,398
Cost of sales	<u>2,050,703</u>	<u>1,967,004</u>	<u>1,829,526</u>
Gross profit	1,043,524	1,031,725	968,872
Operating expenses	<u>697,298</u>	<u>672,522</u>	<u>633,182</u>
Operating income	346,226	359,203	335,690
Other income and expense:			
Other income, net	3,574	11,017	8,148
Interest expense	<u>(30,149)</u>	<u>(12,792)</u>	<u>(14,230)</u>
Income before income taxes	319,651	357,428	329,608
Income taxes	<u>120,016</u>	<u>132,570</u>	<u>121,272</u>
Net income	<u>\$ 199,635</u>	<u>\$ 224,858</u>	<u>\$ 208,336</u>
Earnings per share:			
Basic	<u>\$ 1.70</u>	<u>\$ 1.70</u>	<u>\$ 1.52</u>
Diluted	<u>\$ 1.69</u>	<u>\$ 1.69</u>	<u>\$ 1.51</u>
Weighted average shares:			
Basic	117,716	132,078	136,815
Diluted	118,355	132,910	137,769

See accompanying notes

PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF
CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
(Dollars in thousands)

	Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Other Comprehensive (Loss) Income	Retained Earnings	Notes Receivable from ESOP	Total
	Number	Amount					
Balance at April 29, 2006	138,751,021	\$1,388	\$ 146,807	\$ 13,837	\$1,100,254	\$ (19,765)	\$1,242,521
Foreign currency translation	—	—	—	4,535	—	—	4,535
Net income	—	—	—	—	208,336	—	208,336
Comprehensive income							212,871
Common stock issued and related tax benefits	739,225	7	19,856	—	—	—	19,863
Share-based compensation	—	—	7,757	—	—	—	7,757
Loan to ESOP	—	—	—	—	—	(105,000)	(105,000)
Payment on ESOP note	—	—	—	—	—	1,202	1,202
Balance at April 28, 2007	139,490,246	1,395	174,420	18,372	1,308,590	(123,563)	1,379,214
Foreign currency translation	—	—	—	11,962	—	—	11,962
Cash flow hedge	—	—	—	1,018	—	—	1,018
Net income	—	—	—	—	224,858	—	224,858
Comprehensive income							237,838
Common stock issued and related tax benefits	909,929	9	14,296	—	—	—	14,305
Repurchases of common stock	(18,043,533)	(180)	(196,439)	—	(439,474)	—	(636,093)
Share-based compensation	—	—	7,723	—	—	—	7,723
Payment on ESOP note	—	—	—	—	—	1,800	1,800
Balance at April 26, 2008	122,356,642	1,224	—	31,352	1,093,974	(121,763)	1,004,787
Foreign currency translation	—	—	—	(40,096)	—	—	(40,096)
Cash flow hedge	—	—	—	(123)	—	—	(123)
Net income	—	—	—	—	199,635	—	199,635
Comprehensive income							159,416
Common stock issued and related tax benefits	737,862	7	12,579	—	—	—	12,586
Repurchases of common stock	(1,052,037)	(11)	11	—	—	—	—
Share-based compensation	—	—	7,730	—	—	—	7,730
Payment on ESOP note	—	—	—	—	—	1,801	1,801
Balance at April 25, 2009	<u>122,042,467</u>	<u>\$1,220</u>	<u>\$ 20,320</u>	<u>\$ (8,867)</u>	<u>\$1,293,609</u>	<u>\$(119,962)</u>	<u>\$1,186,320</u>

See accompanying notes

PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(Dollars in thousands)

	Fiscal Year Ended		
	April 25, 2009	April 26, 2008	April 28, 2007
Operating activities:			
Net income	\$ 199,635	\$ 224,858	\$ 208,336
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation	22,890	19,492	19,791
Amortization	7,456	6,788	5,710
Bad debt expense	4,193	3,547	2,040
Share-based compensation	7,730	7,723	7,757
Excess tax benefits from share-based compensation	(346)	(778)	(658)
Deferred income taxes	9,830	13,146	124
Change in assets and liabilities net of acquired:			
Increase in receivables	(90,908)	(3,282)	(12,246)
Decrease (increase) in inventory	24,161	(27,036)	(3,817)
(Decrease) increase in accounts payable	(35,610)	9,231	7,739
(Decrease) increase in accrued liabilities	(22,591)	13,450	2,633
Decrease (increase) in long-term receivables	2,820	(2,373)	(2,742)
Other changes from operating activities, net	(5,255)	613	8,838
Net cash provided by operating activities	124,005	265,379	243,505
Investing activities:			
Additions to property and equipment, net of acquisitions	(32,318)	(35,991)	(19,507)
Proceeds from disposals of property and equipment	—	—	9,163
Acquisitions, net of cash	(124,776)	(22,694)	(12,665)
Net cash used in investing activities	(157,094)	(58,685)	(23,009)
Financing activities:			
Payments of long-term debt	(130,034)	(50,024)	(120,017)
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	—	525,000	—
Borrowings from revolver	22,000	—	—
Payments of debt issuance costs	—	(1,813)	—
Cash payments received on notes receivable from ESOP	1,801	1,800	1,202
Loan to ESOP	—	—	(105,000)
Repurchases of common stock	—	(636,093)	—
Common stock issued, net	12,244	13,107	19,205
Excess tax benefits from share-based compensation	346	778	658
Net cash used in financing activities	(93,643)	(147,245)	(203,952)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(23,367)	6,924	855
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(150,099)	66,373	17,399
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	308,164	241,791	224,392
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	<u>\$ 158,065</u>	<u>\$ 308,164</u>	<u>\$ 241,791</u>
Supplemental disclosures:			
Income taxes paid	\$ 109,660	\$ 105,147	\$ 143,183
Interest paid	31,901	11,094	15,207

See accompanying notes

PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC.
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
APRIL 25, 2009
(Dollars in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Description of Business

Patterson Companies, Inc., "Patterson" or "the Company", is a value-added distributor serving the dental, companion-pet veterinarian and rehabilitation supply markets. The Company has three reportable segments: dental supply, veterinary supply and rehabilitation supply.

Basis of Presentation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company's wholly owned subsidiaries. Significant inter-company transactions and balances have been eliminated in consolidation. The respective assets of PDC Funding Company, LLC and PDC Funding Company II, LLC, would be available first and foremost to satisfy the claims of their respective creditors. There are no known creditors of PDC Funding Company, LLC or PDC Funding Company II, LLC.

Fiscal Year End

The Company utilizes a fifty-two, fifty-three week fiscal year ending on the last Saturday in April. Accordingly, fiscal years 2009, 2008 and 2007 included fifty-two weeks.

Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash equivalents consist primarily of investments in money market funds, highly-rated commercial paper and government securities. The maturity of these securities at the time of purchase is 90 days or less. All cash equivalents are classified as available-for-sale and carried at fair value, which approximates cost.

Inventory

Inventory consists of merchandise held for sale and is stated at the lower of cost or market. Cost is determined using the last-in, first-out (LIFO) method for all inventories, except for foreign inventories and manufactured inventories, which are valued using the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method. Inventories valued at LIFO represent 86% of total inventories at both April 25, 2009 and April 26, 2008, respectively.

The accumulated LIFO reserve was \$51,934 at April 25, 2009 and \$44,333 at April 26, 2008. The Company believes that inventory replacement cost exceeds the inventory balance by an amount approximating the LIFO reserve.

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Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are stated at cost. The Company provides depreciation on the straight-line method over estimated useful lives of up to 40 years for buildings or the expected remaining life of purchased buildings, 3 to 20 years for leasehold improvements or the term of the lease, if less, 5 years for data processing equipment, and 5 to 10 years for office furniture and equipment.

Goodwill and Other Indefinite-Lived Intangible Assets

Goodwill represents the excess of cost over the fair value of identifiable net assets of businesses acquired. Other indefinite-lived intangible assets include copyrights, trade names and trademarks.

The Financial Accounting Standards Board's ("FASB") Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 142, "*Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*" ("SFAS No. 142"), requires that goodwill for each reporting unit be reviewed for impairment at least annually. The Company has three reporting units at April 25, 2009, which are the same as our operating units. The Company tests goodwill for impairment using the two-step process prescribed in SFAS No. 142.

Fair value is determined using valuation techniques, including discounted cash flows and market multiple analyses. These types of analyses contain uncertainties because they require management to make assumptions and to apply judgment to estimate industry economic factors and the profitability of future business strategies. The Company conducts impairment testing based on our current business strategy in light of present industry and economic conditions, as well as future expectations.

In the fourth quarter of fiscal 2009, management completed its annual goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangible asset impairment tests and determined there was no impairment. Although the Company believes our estimates and assumptions used in estimating cash flows and determining fair value are reasonable, making material changes to such estimates and assumptions could materially affect such impairment analyses and our financial results, including an impairment charge that could be material.

Long-Lived Assets

Long-lived assets, including definite-lived intangible assets, are evaluated for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the assets may not be recoverable through the estimated undiscounted future cash flows derived from such assets. The Company's definite-lived intangible assets primarily consist of an exclusive distribution agreement and customer lists. When impairment exists, the related assets are written down to fair value.

Financial Instruments

The Company accounts for derivative financial instruments pursuant to SFAS No. 133, "*Accounting for Derivatives and Hedging Activities*," and SFAS No. 138, "*Accounting for Certain Derivative Instruments and Certain Hedging Activity, an Amendment of SFAS No. 133*." SFAS No. 133 and No. 138 require that all derivative financial instruments be recorded on the balance sheet at their respective fair value.

The Company's use of derivative financial instruments is generally limited to managing well-defined interest rate risks. The Company does not use financial instruments or derivatives for any trading purposes.

Revenue Recognition

Revenues recognized include product sales, billings for freight and delivery charges, and fees earned for services provided. Consumable and printed product sales and billings for freight and delivery charges are

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recorded upon delivery, except in those circumstances where terms of the sale are FOB shipping point. Equipment and software product revenues are also recognized upon delivery. Revenues for these products are recorded upon delivery since at that time risk of loss has transferred to the customer, there is persuasive evidence that an arrangement exists, the price is fixed and final, and there is reasonable assurance of collection of the sales. In those circumstances where terms of the sale are FOB shipping point, revenues are recognized when products are transferred to the shipping carrier. Estimates for returns, damaged goods, rebates and other revenue allowances are made at the time of sale based on the historical experience for such items. Revenue derived from post contract customer support for software is deferred and recognized ratably over the period in which the support is provided. Other service revenues are recorded on the date services are completed.

The receivables that result from the recognition of revenue by the Company are reported net of the related allowances discussed above. The Company also maintains a valuation allowance based upon the expected collectibility of receivables held. Estimates are used to determine the valuation allowance and are based on several factors, including historical collection data, economic trends and credit worthiness of customers. Receivables are written off when the Company determines the amounts to be uncollectible, typically upon customer bankruptcy or non-response to continuous collection efforts. See also Note 6, "Customer Financing". The portions of receivable amounts that are not expected to be collected during the next twelve months are classified as long-term.

The Company has a relatively large and disperse customer base and no single customer accounts for more than 1% of consolidated net sales. In addition, the equipment sold to customers under finance contracts generally serves as collateral for the contract and the customer provides a personal guarantee as well.

Freight and Delivery Charges

Freight and delivery charges incurred by the Company are included in cost of sales.

Advertising

The Company expenses all advertising and promotional costs as incurred, except for direct marketing expenses, which are expensed over the shorter of the life of the asset or one year. Total advertising and promotional expenses were \$22,105, \$22,665 and \$21,775 for fiscal years 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively. Deferred direct-marketing expenses included in prepaid and other current assets on the consolidated balance sheet as of April 25, 2009 and April 26, 2008 were \$3,512 and \$3,490, respectively.

Income Taxes

The liability method is used to account for income tax expense. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on differences between financial reporting and tax bases of assets and liabilities and are measured using the enacted tax rates and laws that will be in effect when the differences are expected to reverse.

Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP)

Compensation expense related to the Company's defined contribution ESOP is computed based on the shares allocated method.

Share-Based Compensation

The Company recognizes share-based compensation expense based on the grant-date fair value of awards estimated in accordance with FASB Statement No. 123(R), "Share-based Payment".

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Comprehensive Income

Comprehensive income is computed as net income plus certain other items that are recorded directly to stockholders' equity. The only significant item included in comprehensive income is foreign currency translation adjustments. Foreign currency translation adjustments do not include a provision for income tax because earnings from foreign operations are considered to be indefinitely reinvested outside the U.S.

Earnings Per Share

The amount of basic earnings per share is computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of outstanding common shares during the period. The amount of diluted earnings per share is computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of outstanding common shares and common share equivalents, when dilutive, during the period.

The following table sets forth the denominator for the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share. There were no material adjustments to the numerator.

	Fiscal Year		
	2009	2008	2007
	(in thousands)		
Denominator:			
Denominator for basic earnings per share—weighted average shares	117,716	132,078	136,815
Effect of dilutive securities—stock options, restricted stock and stock purchase plans	639	832	954
Denominator for diluted earnings per share—adjusted weighted average shares	118,355	132,910	137,769

Options to purchase 1,143, 568 and 764 shares of common stock during fiscal years 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively, were excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share because the effect would have been anti-dilutive. Unvested restricted stock awards outstanding which were excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share during fiscal years 2009, 2008 and 2007 were 270, 1, and 76, respectively, because the effect would have been anti-dilutive.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (“SFAS”) No. 157, “*Fair Value Measurements*” (“SFAS No. 157”), which defines fair value, provides a framework for measuring fair value, and expands the disclosures required for assets and liabilities measured at fair value. SFAS No. 157 applies to existing accounting pronouncements that require fair value measurements, but it does not require any new fair value measurements. In February 2008, the FASB issued Staff Position FAS 157-2, which deferred the effective date of SFAS No. 157 as it relates to nonfinancial assets and liabilities. The Company adopted the disclosure requirements of the effective portions of SFAS No. 157 at the beginning of fiscal 2009. The Company is evaluating the impact of the remaining portions of SFAS No. 157, which are effective at the beginning of our fiscal year 2010.

In February 2007, the FASB issued Statement No. 159, “*The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities*” (“SFAS 159”), which permits entities to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value. The Company adopted SFAS No. 159 beginning the first quarter of fiscal 2009, but did not elect the fair value option for any of its financial assets or liabilities.

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In March 2008, the FASB issued Statement No. 161, “*Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, an amendment of FASB Statement No. 133*” (“SFAS No. 161”). SFAS No. 161 requires enhanced disclosures about derivatives and hedging activities and was adopted in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2009. Since SFAS No. 161 requires only additional disclosures concerning derivatives and hedging activities, the adoption of SFAS No. 161 did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In December 2007, FASB issued Statement No. 141(revised 2007), “*Business Combinations*” (“SFAS No. 141(R)”). SFAS No. 141(R) significantly changes the accounting for business combinations in a number of areas including the treatment of contingent consideration, preacquisition contingencies, transaction costs, in-process research and development and restructuring costs. In addition, under SFAS No. 141 (R), changes in an acquired entity’s deferred tax assets and uncertain tax positions after the measurement period will impact income tax expense. SFAS No. 141(R) is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008 and will change our accounting treatment for business combinations on a prospective basis.

In June 2009, the FASB issued Statement No. 166, “*Accounting for Transfers of Financial Assets-an Amendment of FASB Statement No. 140*” (“SFAS No. 166”) and Statement No. 167, “*Amendments to FASB Interpretation No. 46(R)*” (“SFAS No. 167”). SFAS No. 166 will require more information about transfers of financial assets, including securitization transactions, and where companies have continuing exposure to the risks related to transferred financial assets. It eliminates the concept of a “qualifying special-purpose entity,” changes the requirements for derecognizing financial assets, and requires additional disclosures. SFAS No. 167 changes how a company determines when an entity that is insufficiently capitalized or is not controlled through voting (or similar rights) should be consolidated. Both SFAS No. 166 and SFAS No. 167 are effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2009. The Company is evaluating the impact SFAS No. 166 and SFAS No. 167 will have on our consolidated financial statements.

2. Cash Equivalents

At April 25, 2009 and April 26, 2008, cash and cash equivalents consisted of the following:

	April 25, 2009	April 26, 2008
Cash on hand	\$150,564	\$178,745
Cash equivalents:		
Government securities	5,929	115,531
Money market funds	1,572	13,888
	<u>7,501</u>	<u>129,419</u>
Total	<u>\$158,065</u>	<u>\$308,164</u>

Cash on hand is generally in interest earning accounts.

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3. Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

The changes in the carrying value of goodwill for each of the Company’s reportable segments for the fiscal year ended April 25, 2009 are as follows:

	Acquisition			Balance at April 25, 2009
	Balance at April 26, 2008	Activity	Other Activity	
Dental supply	\$ 99,580	\$ 29,226	\$(1,679)	\$ 127,127
Rehabilitation supply	490,614	8,116	—	498,730
Veterinary supply	91,158	30,089	—	121,247
Total	<u>\$ 681,352</u>	<u>\$ 67,431</u>	<u>\$(1,679)</u>	<u>\$ 747,104</u>

The acquisition activity column primarily represents the preliminary purchase price allocation of fiscal 2009 acquisitions. Preliminary purchase price allocations are subject to adjustment for changes in the preliminary assumptions pending additional information, including final asset valuations. The allocation of identifiable intangible assets to certain of the fiscal 2009 acquisitions is preliminary. Final valuations are expected to be completed during the first quarter of fiscal 2010 and may result in adjustments to the preliminary allocations.

Balances of other intangible assets excluding goodwill are as follows:

	April 25, 2009	April 26, 2008
Unamortized—indefinite lived:		
Copyrights, trade names and trademarks	\$ 77,847	\$ 76,402
Amortized:		
Distribution agreement, customer lists and other	190,975	165,182
Less: Accumulated amortization	<u>(47,890)</u>	<u>(41,186)</u>
Net amortized intangible assets	<u>143,085</u>	<u>123,996</u>
Total identifiable intangible assets, net	<u>\$220,932</u>	<u>\$200,398</u>

Related to fiscal 2009 acquisitions, the Company has recorded approximately \$28.8 million of amortized intangible assets with an average life of 8.1 years. In 2006, the Company extended its exclusive North American distribution agreement with Sirona Dental Systems GmbH (“Sirona”) for Sirona’s CEREC 3D dental restorative system. The Company paid a \$100 million distribution fee to extend the agreement for a 10-year period that began in October 2007. The distribution fee is included in identifiable intangibles, net in the consolidated balance sheet. The amortization of the distribution agreement fee is recorded over the 10-year period based on estimates of the pattern in which the economic benefits of the fee are expected to be realized, consisting primarily of revenues generated from the sale of CEREC 3D dental restorative systems. Amortization expense in any year may differ significantly from other years.

With respect to the amortized intangible assets, future amortization expense is expected to approximate \$14,200, \$14,900, \$15,000, \$15,700 and \$17,200 for fiscal years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014, respectively. The preceding expected amortization expense is an estimate. Actual amounts of amortization expense may differ from estimated amounts due to additional intangible asset acquisitions, finalization of preliminary valuations, actual revenues generated from the sale of CEREC 3D dental restorative systems, changes in foreign currency exchange rates, impairment of intangible assets, accelerated amortization of intangible assets and other events.

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4. Acquisitions

On December 19, 2008, the Company completed the acquisition of Dolphin Imaging Systems, LLC and Dolphin Practice Management, LLC (together, “Dolphin”), leading providers of 3D imaging and practice management software for specialized dental practitioners, including orthodontists, oral maxillofacial surgeons and dental radiologists. As of April 25, 2009, initial goodwill of approximately \$22.3 was recorded related to this acquisition.

On October 2, 2008, the Company completed the acquisition of the Columbus Serum Company (“Columbus”), a full service distributor of companion-pet veterinary supplies, equipment and pharmaceuticals. As of April 25, 2009, initial goodwill of approximately \$25.0 million was recorded related to this acquisition.

The combined purchase price of Dolphin and Columbus totaled approximately \$95.5 million. In addition to the acquisitions of Dolphin and Columbus, we completed other acquisitions during fiscal years 2009, 2008 and 2007. The operating results of each of these acquisitions are included in the Company’s consolidated statements of income from the date of each acquisition. Pro forma results of operations and details of the purchase price allocations have not been presented for these acquisitions since the effects of these business acquisitions were not material to the Company either individually or in the aggregate. A listing of acquisitions completed during the periods covered by these financial statements is presented below:

<u>Entity</u>	<u>Segment</u>
Fiscal 2009:	
Mobilis Healthcare Group	Rehabilitation supply
Dolphin Imaging Systems, LLC and Dolphin Practice Management, LLC	Dental supply
Columbus Serum Company	Veterinary supply
Odyssey Veterinary Software LLC	Veterinary supply
Denesca	Dental supply
Fiscal 2008:	
Leventhal & Sons, Inc.	Dental supply
Associated Medical Supply, Inc.	Veterinary supply
Quality Health Products, Inc.	Rehabilitation supply
Kees-Goebel Medical Specialties, Inc.	Rehabilitation supply
Advanced Practice Systems, LLC	Rehabilitation supply
Goldsmith Medical Company	Rehabilitation supply
New England X-Ray, Inc.	Veterinary supply
Seneca Medical, Inc.	Rehabilitation supply
W.S. Medical LLC	Rehabilitation supply
Cripps Corp.	Rehabilitation supply
Fiscal 2007:	
Theraquip, Inc.	Rehabilitation supply
Metro Medical, Inc.	Rehabilitation supply
Dale Surgical Professional Supply, Inc.	Rehabilitation supply

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5. Property and Equipment

	April 25, 2009	April 26, 2008
Land	\$ 12,380	\$ 13,100
Buildings	97,430	76,763
Leasehold improvements	12,931	12,087
Furniture and equipment	98,275	77,757
Data processing equipment	73,513	61,946
Construction-in-progress	6,477	17,708
	<u>301,006</u>	<u>259,361</u>
Accumulated depreciation	(134,506)	(110,429)
	<u>\$ 166,500</u>	<u>\$ 148,932</u>

Construction-in-progress as of April 25, 2009 was related primarily to a distribution facility project in Florida. The Company is contractually committed to approximately \$6 million of additional expenditures related to this project. Construction-in-progress as of April 26, 2008 was comprised mostly of a project to expand an existing distribution facility in California and the expansion of the Company's corporate headquarters. These projects were completed in fiscal 2009.

6. Customer Financing

As a convenience to its customers, the Company offers several different financing alternatives including both a Company sponsored program and a third party program. For the third party program, the Company acts as a facilitator between the customer and the third party financing entity with no on-going involvement in the financing transaction. Under the Company sponsored program, equipment purchases by customers with strong credit are financed to a maximum of \$0.4 million for any one customer. The Company generally sells the customers' financing contracts to outside financial institutions in the normal course of its business. The Company currently has two arrangements under which it sells these contracts.

In fiscal 2003, the Company initiated an agreement to sell its equipment finance contracts to a commercial paper conduit managed by JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. To participate in the commercial paper conduit, the Company was required to establish a special purpose entity ("SPE"), PDC Funding Company, LLC, a consolidated, wholly owned subsidiary. The Company transfers financing contracts to the SPE and in turn, the SPE sells the contracts to the commercial paper conduit. The SPE does not issue any debt. While there is no recourse to the Company by the commercial paper conduit on the sale of contracts, the Company receives only 90% of the principal amount of the contracts upon the sale. The remaining 10% of the proceeds is held by the conduit as security against the eventual performance of the portfolio. The holdback receivable from the conduit is recorded as a non-current asset, which is carried at its estimated fair market value. The capacity of this arrangement with the conduit is a maximum of \$367 million.

The Company also maintains an agreement with U.S. Bank National Association, as agent, whereby the U.S. Bank group purchases customers' financing contracts. The Company has established another SPE, PDC Funding LLC II ("PDC II"), as a consolidated, wholly owned subsidiary, which sells financing contracts to the U.S. Bank group. The Company receives 94% of the principal amounts of the contracts upon sale with the remaining 6% of the proceeds held by the banks as security against the eventual performance of the portfolio. The holdback receivable from the banks is recorded as a non-current asset, which is carried at its estimated fair market value. The capacity under the agreement is \$110 million.

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These financing arrangements are accounted for as a sale of assets under the provisions of SFAS No. 140, "Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishments of Liabilities." During fiscal 2009, 2008 and 2007, the Company sold approximately \$189.5, \$229.7 and \$247.0 million, respectively, of its contracts under these arrangements. The Company retains servicing responsibilities under both agreements, for which it is paid a servicing fee. The servicing fees received by the Company are considered adequate compensation for services rendered. Accordingly, no servicing asset or liability has been recorded. The agreements require the Company to maintain a minimum current ratio and maximum leverage ratio. The Company was in compliance with the covenants at April 25, 2009.

Included in current receivables in the consolidated balance sheets are approximately \$136.1 million and \$48.2 million as of April 25, 2009 and April 26, 2008, respectively, of finance contracts not yet sold by the Company. A total of \$372.6 million of finance contracts receivable sold under the agreements were outstanding at April 25, 2009. The residual receivable under the arrangements was approximately \$45.1 and \$47.7 million as of April 25, 2009 and April 26, 2008, respectively. Since the internal financing program began in 1994, bad debt write-offs have amounted to less than one-percent of the loans originated.

7. Long-Term Debt

In March 2008, the Company issued fixed-rate senior notes with an aggregate principal amount of \$450 million, consisting of (i) \$50 million 4.63% senior notes, due fiscal 2013; (ii) \$250 million 5.17% senior notes, due fiscal 2015; and (iii) \$150 million 5.75% senior notes, due fiscal 2018.

Also in March 2008, the Company entered into a term loan agreement with a principal amount of \$75 million, which matures in fiscal 2013. The term loan bears interest at a floating rate based on LIBOR plus a spread which can range from 0.50% to 1.25% based on our leverage ratio, as defined in the agreement. During the year ended April 25, 2009, the weighted average interest rate of this term loan was 3.44%.

The proceeds from the issuance of debt in March 2008 were used to repurchase shares of the Company's common stock and to repay borrowings under the Company's revolving line of credit. The remaining proceeds were used for general corporate purposes. Debt issuance costs associated with the issuance of debt in March 2008 of \$1.8 million are being amortized to interest expense over the life of the related debt.

In addition, in March 2008 the Company entered into two forward starting interest rate swap agreements, each with notional amounts of \$100 million and accounted for as cash flow hedges, to hedge interest rate fluctuations in anticipation of the issuance of the 5.17% senior notes due fiscal 2015 and the 5.75% senior notes due fiscal 2018, respectively. Upon issuance of the hedged debt, the Company settled the forward starting interest rate swap agreements and recorded a \$1.0 million increase, net of income taxes, to accumulated other comprehensive income, which is being amortized against interest expense over the life of the related debt. The pre-tax amount reclassified into earnings during fiscal 2009 was \$0.2 million. The amount expected to be reclassified into earnings during fiscal 2010 is also expected to be \$0.2 million.

The Company has available a \$300 million revolving credit facility through November 2012. Interest on borrowings is based on LIBOR plus a spread which can range from 0.40% to 1.00%. This spread as well as a commitment fee on the unused portion of the facility are based on our leverage ratio, as defined in the agreement. Outstanding borrowings under the facility at April 25, 2009 and April 26, 2008 were \$22 million and \$0, respectively. The interest rate on the outstanding borrowings under this facility was 3.25% as of April 25, 2009.

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Long-term debt consisted of the following:

	<u>April 25, 2009</u>	<u>April 26, 2008</u>
Fixed rate (4.63% to 5.75%) senior notes due fiscal 2013 to 2018	\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000
Variable rate (LIBOR plus 0.50% to 1.25%) term note due fiscal 2013	75,000	75,000
Fixed rate (4.14%) senior notes due fiscal 2009	—	30,000
Variable rate (LIBOR plus 0.75%) senior notes due fiscal 2009	—	100,000
Revolving credit facility	22,000	—
Other debt	—	34
	<u>\$ 547,000</u>	<u>\$ 655,034</u>
Less current maturities	(22,000)	(130,010)
Long-term debt	<u>\$ 525,000</u>	<u>\$ 525,024</u>

Maturities of long-term debt by fiscal year are as follows:

2010	\$ 22,000
2011	—
2012	—
2013	125,000
2014	—
Thereafter	400,000
Total long-term debt	<u>\$547,000</u>

The debt agreements contain various financial covenants including certain leverage and interest coverage ratios as defined in the Company's debt agreements. The Company met the financial covenants under the debt agreements as of April 25, 2009. The estimated fair value of our debt as of April 25, 2009 and April 26, 2008 was at \$514.3 million and \$635.4 million, respectively.

8. Derivative Financial Instruments

The Company is a party to certain offsetting and identical interest rate cap agreements. These cap agreements were entered into to fulfill certain covenants of a sale agreement between a commercial paper conduit managed by JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. and PDC Funding. The cap agreements provide a credit enhancement feature for the financing contracts sold by PDC Funding to the commercial paper conduit, and replace a minimum interest rate margin previously required under the sale agreement.

The cap agreements are cancelled and new agreements entered into periodically to maintain consistency with the dollar maximum of the sale agreements and the maturity of the underlying financing contracts. PDC Funding has purchased two interest rate caps from banks with combined amortizing notional amounts of \$367 million and a maturity date of March 2014. Patterson Companies, Inc. sold two identical interest rate caps to the same banks. Similar to the above agreements, PDC Funding II and Patterson Companies, Inc. entered into offsetting and identical interest rate swap agreements in fiscal 2008. These agreements have an amortizing notional of \$110 million and a maturity date of September 2013.

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In addition to the identical purchased and sold interest rate contracts described above, the Company has entered into two interest rate swap agreements with banks to economically hedge the interest rate risk associated with our finance contracts. As of April 25, 2009, the agreements have notional amounts of approximately \$30 million and \$42 million, respectively, and maturity dates of November 2011 and February 2012, respectively.

None of the Company's interest rate contracts qualify for hedge accounting treatment and, accordingly, the Company records the fair value of the agreements as an asset or liability and the change in any period as income or expense of the period in which the change occurs.

The following presents the fair value of interest rate contracts included in the consolidated balance sheets:

Derivative type	Assets			Liabilities		
	Classification	Fair Value		Classification	Fair Value	
		April 25,	April 26,		April 25,	April 26,
Interest rate contracts	Other noncurrent assets	\$ 2.6	\$ 2.4	Other noncurrent liabilities	\$ 4.3	\$ 4.0

The following presents the effect of interest rate contracts on the consolidated statements of income:

Derivative type	Classification of gain (loss) recognized on derivative	Gain (loss) recognized on derivative		
		Fiscal Year		
		2009	2008	2007
Interest rate contracts	Other income (expense), net	(\$1.3)	(\$0.7)	(\$0.7)

See also Note 7 for information on two forward starting interest rate swaps which were entered into and settled during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2008 and Note 13 for detail on an accelerated share repurchase agreement entered into in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2008 and settled on June 18, 2008.

9. Fair Value Measurements

As discussed in Note 1, the Company adopted the disclosure requirements of the effective portions of SFAS No. 157 at the beginning of fiscal 2009. The Company is evaluating the impact of the remaining portions of SFAS No. 157, which are effective at the beginning of our fiscal year 2010. SFAS No. 157 establishes the following hierarchy which prioritizes the inputs used to measure fair value from market based assumptions to entity specific assumptions as follows:

- Level 1** – Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities at the measurement date.
- Level 2** – Observable inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1, such as quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets and liabilities in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.
- Level 3** – Unobservable inputs for which there is little or no market data available. These inputs reflect management's assumptions of what market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability.

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The Company’s hierarchy for its assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of April 25, 2009 is as follows:

	<u>Total</u>	Quoted Prices in Active Markets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
	(in millions)			
Assets:				
Cash equivalents	\$ 7.5	\$ 7.5	—	—
Derivative instruments	\$ 2.6	—	\$ 2.6	—
Total assets	<u>\$10.1</u>	<u>\$ 7.5</u>	<u>\$ 2.6</u>	<u>—</u>
Liabilities:				
Derivative instruments	\$ 4.3	—	\$ 4.3	—

Cash equivalents —The Company values cash equivalents at transaction price. The carrying value of cash equivalents, including government securities and money market funds, approximates fair value. Maturities of cash equivalents are less than three months.

Derivative instruments —The Company’s derivative instruments consist of interest rate contracts. These instruments are valued using inputs such as interest rates and credit spreads.

10. Lease Commitments

The Company leases facilities for its branch office locations, a number of distribution facilities, and certain equipment. These leases are accounted for as operating leases. Future minimum rental payments under non-cancelable operating leases are as follows at April 25, 2009:

2010	\$14,599
2011	12,102
2012	9,340
2013	7,454
2014	4,019
Thereafter	3,174
Total minimum payments required	<u>\$50,688</u>

Rent expense was \$18,200, \$17,088 and \$15,552 for the years ended April 25, 2009, April 26, 2008 and April 28, 2007 respectively.

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11. Income Taxes

Significant components of the provision for income taxes are as follows:

	Fiscal Year		
	2009	2008	2007
Current:			
Federal	\$ 87,879	\$ 93,814	\$ 96,677
Foreign	10,974	15,184	12,536
State	11,333	10,426	11,935
Total current	<u>110,186</u>	<u>119,424</u>	<u>121,148</u>
Deferred:			
Federal	8,493	11,894	178
Foreign	487	230	(70)
State	850	1,022	16
Total deferred	<u>9,830</u>	<u>13,146</u>	<u>124</u>
Provision for income taxes	<u><u>\$120,016</u></u>	<u><u>\$132,570</u></u>	<u><u>\$121,272</u></u>

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are included in prepaid expenses and other current assets and in non-current liabilities on the balance sheet. Significant components of the Company's deferred tax assets (liabilities) as of April 25, 2009 and April 26, 2008 are as follows:

	2009	2008
Deferred current income tax asset (liability):		
Capital Accumulation Plan	\$ 5,039	\$ 6,559
Inventory obsolescence	3,703	2,311
Health insurance	1,358	1,292
Bad debt allowance	2,144	914
LIFO reserve	(9,321)	(3,734)
Other	<u>7,092</u>	<u>6,691</u>
Deferred net current income tax asset	10,015	14,033
Deferred long-term income tax (liability) asset:		
Amortizable intangibles	\$(31,925)	\$(30,081)
Goodwill	(33,680)	(28,350)
Property, plant, equipment	(3,905)	(4,603)
Stock based compensation expense	3,950	3,239
Other	<u>1,419</u>	<u>1,989</u>
Deferred net long-term income tax liability	<u>(64,141)</u>	<u>(57,806)</u>
Net deferred income tax liability	<u><u>\$(54,126)</u></u>	<u><u>\$(43,773)</u></u>

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Income tax expense varies from the amount computed using the U.S. statutory rate. The reasons for this difference and the related tax effects are shown below:

	Fiscal Year		
	2009	2008	2007
Tax at U.S. statutory rate	\$111,878	\$125,100	\$115,363
State tax provision, net of federal benefit	7,318	6,029	5,611
Effect of foreign taxes	556	1,795	1,854
Other	264	(354)	(1,556)
	<u>\$120,016</u>	<u>\$132,570</u>	<u>\$121,272</u>

The Company adopted FIN 48 and FSP FIN 48-1 effective April 29, 2007, the first day of fiscal 2008, with no adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings. These standards clarify the separate identification and reporting of estimated amounts that could be assessed upon audit. The potential assessments are considered unrecognized tax benefits, because, if it is ultimately determined they are unnecessary, the reversal of these previously recorded amounts will result in a beneficial impact to the Company's financial statements.

As of April 25, 2009 and April 26, 2008, the Company's gross unrecognized tax benefits were \$17.5 million and \$19.6 million, respectively. If determined to be unnecessary, these amounts (net of deferred tax assets of \$5.2 million and \$5.7 million, respectively, related to the tax deductibility of the gross liabilities) would decrease our effective tax rate. The gross unrecognized tax benefits are included in other long-term liabilities on the consolidated balance sheet.

A summary of the changes in the gross amounts of unrecognized tax benefits for the year ended April 25, 2009 is shown below:

Balance at April 26, 2008	\$19,548
Additions for tax positions related to the current year	2,937
Additions for tax positions of prior years	179
Reductions for tax positions of prior years	(1,294)
Statute expirations	(973)
Settlements	(2,853)
Balance at April 25, 2009	<u>\$17,544</u>

The Company also recognizes both interest and penalties with respect to unrecognized tax benefits as a component of income tax expense. As of April 25, 2009 and April 26, 2008, the Company had recorded \$3.2 million and \$3.1 million, respectively, for interest and penalties. These amounts are also included in other long-term liabilities on the consolidated balance sheet. These amounts, net of related deferred tax assets, if determined to be unnecessary, would decrease the Company's effective tax rate. During the year ended April 25, 2009, the Company recorded as part of tax expense \$1.3 million related to an increase in its estimated liability for interest and penalties.

The Company files income tax returns, including returns for our subsidiaries, with federal, state, local and foreign jurisdictions. The Company is not currently under audit by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"). The IRS has either examined or waived examination of all periods up to and including our fiscal year ended April 30, 2005. Periodically, state, local and foreign income tax returns are examined by various taxing authorities. The Company does not believe the outcome of these various examinations would have a material adverse impact on our financial statements.

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12. Segment and Geographic Data

Patterson Companies, Inc. is comprised of three reportable segments: dental, veterinary, and rehabilitation supply. The Company's reportable business segments are strategic business units that offer similar products and services to different customer bases. The dental supply segment provides a virtually complete range of consumable dental products, clinical and laboratory equipment and value-added services to dentists, dental laboratories, institutions and other dental healthcare providers throughout North America. The veterinary supply segment provides consumable supplies, equipment, diagnostic products, biologicals (vaccines) and pharmaceuticals to companion-pet veterinary clinics in the majority of regions throughout the United States. The rehabilitation supply segment provides a comprehensive range of distributed and self-manufactured rehabilitation medical supplies and assistive products to acute care hospitals, long-term care facilities, rehabilitation clinics, dealers and schools.

The Company evaluates segment performance based on operating income. The corporate office general and administrative expenses are included in the dental supply segment and consist of home office support costs in areas such as informational technology, finance, human resources and facilities. The cost to operate the distribution centers are allocated to the operating units based on the through-put of the unit.

The following table presents information about the Company's reportable segments:

	Fiscal Year		
	2009	2008	2007
Net sales			
Dental supply	\$ 2,174,409	\$ 2,181,286	\$ 2,064,630
Rehabilitation supply	369,169	371,016	334,342
Veterinary supply	550,649	446,427	399,426
Consolidated net sales	<u>\$ 3,094,227</u>	<u>\$ 2,998,729</u>	<u>\$ 2,798,398</u>
Operating income			
Dental supply	\$ 264,544	\$ 281,877	\$ 262,359
Rehabilitation supply	55,584	52,642	51,185
Veterinary supply	26,098	24,684	22,146
Consolidated operating income	<u>\$ 346,226</u>	<u>\$ 359,203</u>	<u>\$ 335,690</u>
Depreciation and amortization			
Dental supply	\$ 21,341	\$ 17,427	\$ 16,748
Rehabilitation supply	6,032	5,903	5,871
Veterinary supply	2,973	2,950	2,882
Consolidated depreciation and amortization	<u>\$ 30,346</u>	<u>\$ 26,280</u>	<u>\$ 25,501</u>
Total assets			
Dental supply	\$ 1,092,924	\$ 1,100,471	\$ 1,023,248
Rehabilitation supply	740,085	743,786	712,009
Veterinary supply	300,611	232,116	205,063
Consolidated total assets	<u>\$ 2,133,620</u>	<u>\$ 2,076,373</u>	<u>\$ 1,940,320</u>

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The following table presents sales information by product for the Company and its reportable segments:

	Fiscal Year		
	2009	2008	2007
Consolidated			
Consumable and printed products	\$ 1,986,872	\$ 1,889,515	\$ 1,757,472
Equipment and software	851,944	865,053	821,091
Other	255,411	244,161	219,835
Total	<u>\$ 3,094,227</u>	<u>\$ 2,998,729</u>	<u>\$ 2,798,398</u>
Dental supply			
Consumable and printed products	\$ 1,217,193	\$ 1,218,188	\$ 1,154,422
Equipment and software	731,389	744,333	714,343
Other	225,827	218,765	195,865
Total	<u>\$ 2,174,409</u>	<u>\$ 2,181,286</u>	<u>\$ 2,064,630</u>
Rehabilitation supply			
Consumable and printed products	\$ 254,270	\$ 259,793	\$ 241,112
Equipment and software	93,236	92,686	77,252
Other	21,663	18,537	15,978
Total	<u>\$ 369,169</u>	<u>\$ 371,016</u>	<u>\$ 334,342</u>
Veterinary supply			
Consumable and printed products	\$ 515,409	\$ 411,534	\$ 361,938
Equipment and software	27,319	28,034	29,496
Other	7,921	6,859	7,992
Total	<u>\$ 550,649</u>	<u>\$ 446,427</u>	<u>\$ 399,426</u>

The following table presents information about the Company by geographic area. No individual country, except for the United States, generated sales greater than 10% of consolidated net sales. There were no material sales between geographic areas.

	Fiscal Year		
	2009	2008	2007
Net sales			
United States	\$ 2,821,771	\$ 2,707,971	\$ 2,540,899
International	272,456	290,758	257,499
Total	<u>\$ 3,094,227</u>	<u>\$ 2,998,729</u>	<u>\$ 2,798,398</u>
Income before tax			
United States	\$ 288,975	\$ 318,304	\$ 296,564
International	30,676	39,124	33,044
Total	<u>\$ 319,651</u>	<u>\$ 357,428</u>	<u>\$ 329,608</u>
Long-lived assets			
United States	\$ 1,101,421	\$ 1,005,235	\$ 970,390
International	94,604	86,097	83,440
Total	<u>\$ 1,196,025</u>	<u>\$ 1,091,332</u>	<u>\$ 1,053,830</u>

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13. Stockholders' Equity

Share Repurchases

During fiscal 2008, the Company repurchased 11.7 million shares of its common stock on the open market at a total cost of \$386.1 million. On March 19, 2008, the Company entered into an accelerated share repurchase agreement (“ASR”) with financial institution counterparty. Under the terms of the ASR, the Company paid \$250 million and took delivery of 90% of the shares, or 6.3 million shares, based on an initial share price of \$35.60. The final number of shares to be delivered by the counterparty under the ASR was dependent on prevailing market conditions and based on the difference between the initial purchase price per share and a volume weighted average price of the Company’s common stock, minus a set discount, during a period of up to six months. Under terms of the ASR, the Company could have received additional shares of common stock from the counterparty or could have been required to deliver shares or cash to the counterparty. On June 18, 2008, the transaction was settled and an additional 1,052,037 shares were delivered to the Company, bringing the total number of shares delivered under the ASR to 7,372,260 at an average price of \$33.91.

Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP)

During 1990, the Company’s Board of Directors adopted a leveraged ESOP. During fiscal 1991, under the provisions of the plan and related financing arrangements, the Company loaned the ESOP \$22,000 (the “1990 note”) for the purpose of acquiring its then outstanding preferred stock which was subsequently converted to common stock. At April 25, 2009 and April 26, 2008, indebtedness of the ESOP to the Company is shown as a deduction from stockholders’ equity in the consolidated balance sheets. The cost of the ESOP is borne by the Company through annual contributions to the plan in amounts determined by the Board of Directors. Shares of stock acquired by the plan are allocated to each participant who has completed 1,000 hours of service during the plan year.

The Company’s ESOP and an ESOP sponsored by the Thompson Dental Company (“Thompson”) were used to facilitate the acquisition and merger of Thompson into the Company. The net result of this transaction was an additional loan of \$12,612 being made to the ESOP and the ESOP acquiring 665,978 shares of common stock of the Company. Under current accounting standards, these shares are not considered outstanding for the computation of earnings per share until the shares are allocated to the participants. When the shares are allocated to the participants, the expense to the Company will be determined based on the fair market value of the shares in the year of the allocation. The loan bears interest at current rates but principal does not begin to amortize until 2011. A total of 665,978 shares were issued in the transaction of which 97,810 were previously allocated to Thompson employees. The remaining 568,168 shares began to be allocated in fiscal 2004 but only to the extent of interest on the loan. The non-cash expense is not expected to materially impact the consolidated results of operations of the Company until principal becomes due.

During fiscal 2009, 2008 and 2007, shares secured by the 1990 note with a cost of \$1,500, \$1,200 and \$1,202, respectively, were earned and allocated to ESOP participants.

At April 25, 2009, a total of 11,749,806 shares of the common stock were allocated to participants and had a fair market value of \$233,821. With respect to the 1990 note, shares allocated were 14,152,087, committed-to-be-released shares were 1,578,601 and suspense shares were 3,420,911. Related to the shares from the Thompson transaction, shares allocated were 164,024, committed-to-be-released shares were 11,808 and suspense shares were 490,146.

On September 11, 2006, the Company entered into a third loan agreement with the ESOP and loaned \$105 million (the “2006 note”) for the sole purpose of enabling the ESOP to purchase shares of the Company’s common stock (the “Securities”) in the open market and pay any corresponding broker commissions.

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The 2006 note is payable in full on September 10, 2026. Interest on the unpaid principal balance accrues at a rate equal to six-month LIBOR, with the rate resetting semi-annually. Interest payments are not required during the period from and including September 11, 2006 through April 30, 2010. On April 30, 2010, any accrued and unpaid interest will be added to the outstanding principal balance under the note, with interest thereafter accruing on the increased principal amount. Unpaid interest accruing after April 30, 2010 is due and payable on April 30, 2011 and each successive April 30 occurring through September 10, 2026.

The ESOP purchased 3,159,645 shares with the proceeds from the 2006 note. This loan and related shares, as well as the Thompson shares, are being accounted for under SOP 93-6, “*Employers’ Accounting for Stock Ownership Plans*” and accordingly, unallocated shares held by the Trust are not considered outstanding in the computation of earnings per share. The Company anticipates the allocation of the shares related to the 2006 note to begin in fiscal 2012 over a period of approximately 10 to 15 years. As of April 25, 2009, the fair value of unreleased shares accounted for under SOP 93-6 was approximately \$72.6 million.

14. Share-based Compensation

Effective April 30, 2006, the Company adopted SFAS No. 123(R), “*Share-Based Payment*” (“SFAS No. 123(R)”) using the modified prospective method in which compensation cost is recognized beginning with the effective date (a) based on the requirements of SFAS No. 123 (R) for all share-based awards granted after the effective date and (b) based on the requirements of SFAS 123 for all awards granted to employees prior to the effective date of SFAS No. 123(R) that remain unvested on the effective date.

The consolidated statements of income for fiscal years 2009, 2008 and 2007 include pre-tax share-based compensation expense of \$7.7 million (\$5.6 after-tax), \$7.7 million (\$6.1 after-tax) and \$7.8 million (\$6.3 after-tax), respectively, all of which is included in operating expenses within the consolidated statements of income. The consolidated statement of cash flows present the pre-tax share-based compensation expense as an adjustment to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities. In addition, benefits associated with tax deductions in excess of recognized compensation expense are presented as a cash inflow from financing activities. For fiscal years 2009, 2008 and 2007, these excess benefits totaled \$0.3, \$0.8 and \$0.7 million, respectively.

As of April 25, 2009, the total compensation cost, before income taxes, related to non-vested awards yet to be recognized was \$15.9 million, and it is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of approximately 4.4 years.

Description of General Methods and Assumptions Used to Estimate Fair Value

Described below are certain methods and assumptions used to estimate the fair value of share-based compensation awards. Further information is presented below within this Note that may be unique to a particular award or group of awards.

Expected dividend yield – the Company has not and does not currently expect to pay dividends. Accordingly, the expected dividend yield used is 0%.

Expected stock price volatility – the Company considers historical volatility trends, implied future volatility based on certain traded options of the Company, and other factors.

Risk-free interest rate – the Company bases the risk-free interest rate on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the grant date with similar terms to the expected term of the award.

Expected term of stock options and restricted stock – The Company estimates the expected term, or life, of awards based on several factors, including grantee types, vesting schedules, contractual terms and various factors surrounding exercise behavior of different groups.

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Director and Employee Stock Option Plans

In June 1992, the Company adopted a Director Stock Option Plan. Options were granted at the fair market value of the underlying stock on the date of grant, vest over one year, and are exercisable for a period of four years commencing one year after the date of grant. This plan terminated during fiscal 2002.

In September 2001, the Company adopted a new Director Stock Option Plan. A total of 800,000 shares of common stock have been reserved for issuance under this plan. Options are granted at fair market value of the underlying stock on the option grant date, vest over one year, and are exercisable for a period of nine years commencing one year after the grant date. In addition, each eligible director will have the right to elect to receive additional options in lieu of the amount of the director’s annual fee for service on the board of directors.

In June 1992, the Company adopted the Patterson Dental Company 1992 Stock Option Plan, a plan for employees. Due to the expiration of this plan in fiscal 2003, no options remain available for future issuance under this plan. In September 2002, the Company adopted a new employee equity award plan. A total of 6,000,000 shares of common stock were reserved for issuance under the plan. In September 2004, the Company’s shareholders voted to approve the Amended and Restated 2002 Stock Option Plan, a restatement of the 2002 plan. Upon approval, the Plan was renamed the “Patterson Companies, Inc. Equity Incentive Plan” (“Equity Incentive Plan”).

The Equity Incentive Plan amendments did not change the number of shares reserved for awards under the plan. The Equity Incentive Plan authorizes various award types to be issued under the plan, including stock options, restricted stock and restricted stock units, stock bonuses, cash bonuses, stock appreciation rights, performance awards and dividend equivalents. Awards may have a term no longer than ten years and vesting terms are determined by the compensation committee of the board of directors. The minimum restriction period for restricted stock and restricted stock units is three years, or one year in the case of performance-based awards. Additionally, the maximum number of shares that may be issued pursuant to awards of restricted stock, restricted stock awards and stock bonuses is 2,000,000 shares. Prior to fiscal 2006, only stock option awards had been granted under the Equity Incentive Plan. During fiscal years 2009, 2008 and 2007, expense recognized related to stock options was \$2.0 million, \$2.4 million and \$2.9 million, respectively.

The fair value of stock options granted was estimated as of the grant date using a Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following weighted average assumptions during fiscal years 2009, 2008 and 2007:

	April 25, 2009	April 26, 2008	April 28, 2007
Expected dividend yield	—	—	—
Expected stock price volatility	31.0%	28.0%	28.0%
Risk-free interest rate	3.3%	4.6%	4.9%
Expected life of options (years)	8.3	8.0	7.1

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Following is a summary of stock option activity for all plans during fiscal years 2009, 2008 and 2007:

	<u>Total Outstanding</u>		
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Exercise</u>	<u>Intrinsic</u>
	<u>of</u>	<u>Price (a)</u>	<u>Value</u>
	<u>Options</u>		
Balance as of April 29, 2006	2,906	\$21.99	
Granted	77	32.98	
Exercised	(273)	16.03	
Canceled	(159)	23.30	
Balance as of April 28, 2007	2,551	22.88	
Granted	40	36.06	
Exercised	(216)	15.00	
Canceled	(345)	22.16	
Balance as of April 26, 2008	2,030	24.10	
Granted	52	30.45	
Exercised	(142)	11.59	
Canceled	(42)	22.85	
Balance as of April 25, 2009	<u>1,898</u>	<u>\$25.24</u>	<u>\$3,184</u>
Vested or expected to vest as of April 25, 2009	<u>1,408</u>	<u>\$25.64</u>	<u>\$2,286</u>
Exercisable as of April 25, 2009	<u>644</u>	<u>\$25.94</u>	<u>\$1,516</u>

(a) Weighted-average exercise price

The weighted average fair values of options granted during fiscal years 2009, 2008 and 2007 were \$13.50, \$15.88 and \$13.44, respectively. The weighted average remaining contractual lives of options outstanding and options exercisable as of April 25, 2009 were 4.0 and 3.9 years, respectively. The Company settles stock option exercises with newly issued common shares.

Related to stock options exercised, the intrinsic value, cash received and tax benefits realized were \$2.5, \$1.6 and \$0.8 million, respectively, in fiscal 2009; \$4.7, \$3.2 and \$1.2 million, respectively, in fiscal 2008; and, \$4.7 million, \$4.5 million and \$1.3 million, respectively, in fiscal 2007.

Restricted Stock and Performance Unit Awards

Beginning in fiscal 2006, the Company issued restricted stock and performance unit awards under the Equity Incentive Plan. The grant date fair value is based on the closing stock price on the day of the grant. Restricted stock awards to employees vest over a seven or nine-year period and are subject to forfeiture provisions. Certain restricted stock awards, which are held by line management, are subject to accelerated vesting provisions beginning three years after the grant date, based on certain operating goals. Restricted stock awards are also granted to non-employees directors on the date of each annual board meeting. These awards vest over three years. The performance unit awards, issued primarily to executive management, are earned at the end of a three-year period if certain operating goals are met, and are settled in an equivalent number of common shares or in cash as determined by the compensation committee of the board of directors. The satisfaction of operating goals will not be finally determined until the end of a three-year period. Accordingly, the Company recognizes expense related to performance unit awards over the requisite service period using the straight-line method based on the outcome that is probable. During fiscal years 2009, 2008 and 2007, expense recognized related to

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restricted stock and performance unit awards was \$2.5 million, \$1.7 million and \$0.9 million, respectively. The total intrinsic value of restricted stock awards that vested in fiscal 2009 was \$0.5 million.

The following tables summarize information concerning non-vested restricted stock awards and performance unit awards for fiscal years 2009, 2008 and 2007:

	<u>Restricted Stock Awards</u>	
	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Weighted Average Grant-Date Fair Value</u>
Outstanding at April 29, 2006	79	\$ 50.47
Granted	161	32.21
Forfeitures	(7)	44.90
Outstanding at April 28, 2007	233	38.02
Granted	181	36.23
Forfeitures	(21)	37.89
Outstanding at April 26, 2008	393	37.21
Granted	206	32.95
Vested	(14)	33.60
Forfeitures	(48)	36.13
Outstanding at April 25, 2009	<u>537</u>	<u>\$ 35.77</u>

	<u>Performance Unit Awards</u>	
	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Weighted Average Grant-Date Fair Value</u>
Outstanding at April 29, 2006	13	\$ 51.12
Granted	20	32.15
Forfeitures	(5)	49.35
Outstanding at April 28, 2007	28	36.98
Granted	21	36.06
Forfeitures	(5)	34.96
Outstanding at April 26, 2008	44	36.77
Granted	32	31.34
Forfeitures and Cancellations	(13)	42.62
Outstanding at April 25, 2009	<u>63</u>	<u>\$ 32.80</u>

Employee Stock Purchase Plan

In June 1992, Company adopted an Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the “Stock Purchase Plan”). A total of 4,750,000 shares of common stock are reserved for issuance under the Stock Purchase Plan. The Stock Purchase Plan, which is intended to qualify under Section 423 of the Internal Revenue Code, is administered by the Board of Directors of the Company or by a committee appointed by the Board of Directors and follows a calendar plan year. Employees are eligible to participate after nine months of employment with the Company if they are employed for at least 20 hours per week and more than five months per year. The Stock Purchase Plan permits eligible employees to purchase common stock through payroll deductions, which may not exceed 10 percent of an employee’s compensation, at 85 percent of the lower of the fair market value of the common stock on the

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offering date or at the end of each three-month period following the offering date during the applicable offering period. Employees may end their participation in the offering at any time during the offering period, and participation ends automatically on termination of employment with the Company. At April 25, 2009, there were 1,241,788 shares available for purchase under the Stock Purchase Plan.

Based on the provisions of the Stock Purchase Plan and guidance provided in FASB Technical Bulletin No. 97-1, “*Accounting Under Statement 123 for Certain Employee Stock Purchase Plans with a Look-back Option*” (“FTB 97-1”), there are several option elements for which the fair value is estimated on the grant date using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. Total expense recognized related to the employee stock purchase plan was \$1.6, \$1.9 and \$2.1 million during fiscal years 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively. The following table summarizes the weighted-average assumptions relating to the Stock Purchase Plan for fiscal years 2009, 2008 and 2007:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Expected dividend yield	—	—	—
Expected stock price volatility	29.0%	28.0%	28.0%
Risk-free interest rate	2.2%	4.4%	4.5%
Expected life of options (years)	0.5	0.5	0.5

Capital Accumulation Plan

In 1996, the Company adopted an employee Capital Accumulation Plan (the “CAP Plan”). A total of 6,000,000 shares of common stock are reserved for issuance under the CAP Plan. Key employees of the Company or its subsidiaries are eligible to participate by purchasing common stock through payroll deductions, which must be between 5% and 25% of an employee’s compensation, at 75% of the price of the common stock at the beginning of or the end of the calendar year, whichever is lower. The shares issued are restricted stock and are held in the custody of the Company until the restrictions lapse. The restriction period is three years from the beginning of the plan year, but restricted shares are subject to forfeiture provisions. At April 25, 2009, 2,632,389 shares were available for purchase under the CAP Plan.

Based on the provisions of the CAP Plan and guidance provided in FTB No. 97-1, there are option elements for which the fair value is estimated on the grant date using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. Total expense recognized related to the Cap Plan was \$1.6, \$1.8 and \$1.9 million during fiscal years 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively. The following table summarizes the weighted-average assumptions relating to the CAP Plan for fiscal years 2009, 2008 and 2007:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Expected dividend yield	—	—	—
Expected stock price volatility	29.0%	28.0%	28.0%
Risk-free interest rate	2.3%	3.5%	4.2%
Expected life of options (years)	1.0	1.0	1.0

15. Litigation

The Company is involved in various product related, employment related and other legal proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business. Some of these proceedings involve product liability claims arising out of the use of products the Company distributes. Product liability indemnification is generally obtained from our suppliers. However, in the event a supplier of a defective product is unable to pay a judgment for which the Company may be jointly liable, the Company would have liability for the entire judgment.

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The Company maintains product liability insurance coverage for any potential liability for claims arising out of products sold by the Company. While the Company believes its insurance coverage is adequate, there can be no assurance that our insurance coverage is sufficient or will be available to us in adequate amounts or at reasonable costs in the future. Also, there can be no assurance that the indemnification agreements with our suppliers will provide us with adequate protection. In addition, future claims brought against the Company could involve claims not covered by insurance or indemnification agreements, and could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business or financial condition.

As of April 25, 2009 and April 26, 2008, the Company had accrued our best estimate of potential losses relating to product liability and other claims that were probable to result in a liability and for which it was possible to reasonably estimate a loss. These accrued amounts, as well as related expenses, have not been material to our financial position, results of operations or cash flows. Our method for determining estimated losses considers currently available facts, presently enacted laws and regulations and other external factors, including probable recoveries from third parties.

16. Quarterly Results (unaudited)

Quarterly results are determined in accordance with the accounting policies used for annual data and include certain items based upon estimates for the entire year. All fiscal quarters include results for 13 weeks. The following table summarizes results for fiscal 2009 and 2008.

	Quarter Ended			
	Apr. 25, 2009	Jan. 24, 2009	Oct. 25, 2008	July 26, 2008
Net sales	\$ 779,884	\$ 811,023	\$ 759,461	\$ 743,859
Gross profit	269,110	269,109	253,575	251,730
Operating income	92,488	91,542	82,602	79,594
Net income	53,961	52,807	46,903	45,964
Earnings per share—basic	\$ 0.46	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.39
Earnings per share—diluted	\$ 0.46	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.39

	Quarter Ended			
	Apr. 26, 2008	Jan. 26, 2008	Oct. 27, 2007	July 28, 2007
Net sales	\$ 778,388	\$ 776,946	\$ 741,992	\$ 701,403
Gross profit	273,154	269,138	252,299	237,134
Operating income	101,269	97,114	85,613	75,207
Net income	63,209	60,364	53,741	47,544
Earnings per share—basic	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.35
Earnings per share—diluted	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.35

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Item 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

None.

Item 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Management's Annual Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

The management of Patterson Companies, Inc. (the "Company") is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The Company's internal control system is designed to provide reasonable assurance to our management and Board of Directors regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The Company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that:

Pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the Company;

Provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the Company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the Company; and

Provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the Company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Therefore, even those internal control systems determined to be effective can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation.

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial and accounting officer, we assessed the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of April 25, 2009, using the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) in *Internal Control — Integrated Framework*. Based on its assessment, management has concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was effective as of April 25, 2009. During its assessment, management did not identify any material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting. Ernst & Young LLP, the independent registered public accounting firm that audited our consolidated financial statements included in Item 8, *Financial Statements and Supplementary Data*, of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, has issued an unqualified report on our internal control over financial reporting.

/ s / J AMES W. W ILTZ

President and Chief Executive Officer

/ s / R. S TEPHEN A RMSTRONG

Executive Vice President, Chief Financial
Officer and Treasurer

The report of the Company's independent registered public accounting firm on internal control over financial reporting is included in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

As of April 25, 2009, the Company carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and its Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Rules 13a-15 and 15d-15 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"). Based on that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective. Disclosure controls and procedures are defined by Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Exchange Act as controls and other procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in reports filed with the SEC under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in reports filed under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive and principal financial officers, or person performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

During the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2009, there were no significant changes in the Company's internal controls over financial reporting that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal controls over financial reporting.

Item 9B. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

PART III

Item 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Information regarding the directors of the Company is incorporated herein by reference to the descriptions set forth under the caption “Proposal No. 1 Election of Directors” in the Company’s Proxy Statement for its Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on September 14, 2009 (the “2009 Proxy Statement”). Information regarding executive officers of the Company is incorporated herein by reference to Item 1 of Part I of this Form 10-K under the caption “Executive Officers of the Registrant.” Information regarding compliance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is incorporated herein by reference to the information set forth under the caption “Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance” in the 2009 Proxy Statement. The information called for by Item 10, as to the audit committee and the audit committee financial expert, is set forth under the captions “Proposal No. 1 Election of Directors” and “Our Board of Directors and Committees” in the 2009 Proxy Statement and such information is incorporated by reference herein.

Code of Ethics

The Company has adopted Principles of Business Conduct and Code of Ethics for its Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Directors and all employees. The Company has made its Code of Ethics available on its website (www.pattersoncompanies.com) under the section “Investor Relations—Governance.” The Company intends to satisfy the disclosure requirement of Form 8-K regarding an amendment to, or waiver from, a provision of its Code of Ethics by posting such information on its website at the address and location specified above.

Item 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Information regarding executive compensation and director compensation is incorporated herein by reference to the information set forth under the captions “Non-Employee Director Compensation” and “Executive Compensation” in the 2009 Proxy Statement.

Item 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS

Information regarding the security ownership of certain beneficial owners and management is incorporated herein by reference to the information set forth under the caption “Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management” and “Equity Compensation Plan Information” in the 2009 Proxy Statement.

Item 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE

Information called for by Item 13 is incorporated herein by reference to the information set forth under the captions “Certain Relationships and Related Transactions” and “Our Board of Directors and Committees” in the 2009 Proxy Statement.

Item 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING FEES AND SERVICES

Information relating to principal accounting fees and services and pre-approval policies and procedures is set forth under the captions “Proposal No. 3 Ratification of Selection of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm – Principal Accountant Fees and Services” and “Proposal No. 3 Ratification of Selection of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm – Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures of the Audit Committee” in the 2009 Proxy Statement and such information is incorporated by reference herein.

PART IV

Item 15. EXHIBITS, FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES

(a) 1. Financial Statements.

The following Consolidated Financial Statements and supplementary data of the Company and its subsidiaries are included in Part II, Item 8:

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2. Financial Statement Schedules.

The following financial statement schedule is filed herewith: Schedule II—Valuation and Qualifying Accounts for the Years Ended April 25, 2009, April 26, 2008 and April 28, 2007.

Schedules other than that listed above have been omitted because they are not applicable or the required information is included in the financial statements or notes thereto.

3. Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit</u>	
2.1	Article of Merger and Plan of Merger dated June 23, 2004 ¹⁰
3.1	The Company's Restated Articles of Incorporation ¹⁰
3.2	The Company's Bylaws, as amended ¹
4.1	Specimen form of the Company's Common Stock Certificate ¹⁰
4.2	Credit Agreement dated as of November 25, 2003 among Patterson Dental Company, as the Company, the Subsidiary Borrowers from time to time parties hereto, the Lenders from time to time parties hereto, Bank One, NA (main office Chicago), as Administrative Agent, Bank of America, N.A., as Syndication Agent and Suntrust Bank, the Northern Trust Company, and U.S. Bank National Association, as Documentation Agents ⁹
4.3	Note Purchase Agreement dated as of November 15, 2003 among Patterson Dental Company, AbilityOne Products Corp., AbilityOne Corporation, Patterson Dental Supply, Inc., Webster Veterinary Supply, Inc. and Webster Management, LP ⁹
10.1	Patterson Dental Company Employee Stock Ownership Plan, as amended ¹
10.2	Patterson Dental Company 1992 Stock Option Plan ¹
10.3	Patterson Dental Company 1992 Director Stock Option Plan ¹
10.4	Patterson Dental Company Employee Stock Purchase Plan ¹

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10.5	Patterson Dental Company Capital Accumulation Plan ²
10.6	Patterson Companies, Inc. Fiscal 2010 Incentive Plan
10.7	ESOP Loan Agreement dated June 15, 1990 as amended July 13, 1992 ¹
10.8	Amended and Restated Term Promissory Note dated July 13, 1992 ¹
10.9	Second Amended and Restated Contract Purchase Agreement dated April 28, 2000 between Patterson Dental Company and U.S. Bank National Association ³
10.10	Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated April 28, 2000 between Patterson Dental Company and U.S. Bank National Association ³
10.11	Asset Purchase Agreement by and among Patterson Dental Company and J. A. Webster, Inc. ⁴
10.12	Third Amended and Restated Contract Purchase Agreement dated June 19, 2002 between Patterson Dental Company and U. S. Bank National Association ⁵
10.13	Amended and Restated Receivables Purchase Agreement dated October 7, 2004 between PDC Funding Company, LLC, Patterson Companies, Inc. and Bank One. ¹²
10.14	Receivables Sale Agreement dated May 10, 2002 among PDC Funding Company, LLC, Patterson Dental Supply, Inc., and Webster Veterinary Supply, Inc. ⁵
10.15	2001 Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan ⁵
10.16	Amendments to Restated Employee Stock Purchase Plan ⁵
10.17	Amended and Restated Employee Stock Ownership Plan ⁵
10.18	Stock Option Plan for Canadian Employees ⁶
10.19	Patterson Companies, Inc. Equity Incentive Plan ¹¹
10.20	ESOP Loan Agreement dated April 1, 2002 ⁷
10.21	Promissory Note dated April 1, 2002 between GreatBanc Trust Company, an Illinois corporation, not in its individual or corporate capacity, but solely as trustee of the Thompson Dental Company Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust and Thompson Dental Company ⁷
10.22	Bridge Credit Facility dated as of September 12, 2003 among Patterson Dental Company as the borrower and Banc One Mezzanine Corporation, as Administrative Agent and Bank of America, N.A., as Syndication Agent. ⁸
10.23	ESOP Loan Agreement dated September 11, 2006 ¹³
10.24	ESOP Note dated September 11, 2006 ¹³
10.25	Receivables Sale Agreement dated April 27, 2007 among PDC Funding Company II, LLC, Patterson Dental Supply, Inc., and Webster Veterinary Supply, Inc. ¹⁴
10.26	Contract Purchase Agreement dated April 27, 2007 among PDC Funding Company II, LLC, Patterson Companies, Inc., U.S. Bank National Association and The Northern Trust Company ¹⁴
10.27	Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of November 28, 2007, among Patterson Companies, Inc., as the Company, the Subsidiary Borrowers from time to time parties hereto, the Lenders from time to time parties hereto, JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association (Successor by merger to Bank One, NA (Main Office Chicago)), as Administrative Agent, Bank of America, N.A., as Syndication Agent, and SunTrust Bank, the Northern Trust Company, and U.S. Bank National Association, as Documentation Agents. ¹⁵

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10.28	Note Purchase Agreement dated March 19, 2008 among Patterson Companies, Inc., Patterson Medical Holdings, Inc., Patterson Medical Supply, Inc., Patterson Dental Holdings, Inc., Patterson Dental Supply, Inc., Webster Veterinary Supply, Inc. and Webster Management, LP ¹⁶
10.29	Term Loan Credit Agreement dated March 20, 2008 among Patterson Companies, Inc., as the Borrower, the Lenders from time to time parties hereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association (Successor by merger to Bank One, NA (Main Office Chicago)), as Administrative Agent ¹⁶
10.30	Accelerated Share Repurchase Agreement, dated March 19, 2008, by and between Patterson Companies, Inc. and JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association ¹⁶
21	Subsidiaries
23	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
31.1	Certification of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rules 13a-4(a) and 15d-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
31.2	Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-4(a) and 15d-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
32.1	Certification of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
32.2	Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
1	Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (No. 33-51304) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission August 26, 1992.
2	Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 27, 1996.
3	Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 29, 2000.
4	Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 28, 2001.
5	Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 27, 2002.
6	Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended January 25, 2003.
7	Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 26, 2003.
8	Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended October 25, 2003.
9	Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended January 24, 2004.
10	Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended July 31, 2004.
11	Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Form 8-K/A dated September 14, 2004, filed on September 29, 2004.
12	Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Form 8-K dated October 7, 2004, filed on October 12, 2004.
13	Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Form 8-K dated September 11, 2006, filed on September 12, 2006.
14	Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Form 8-K dated April 27, 2007, filed on May 3, 2007.
15	Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Form 8-K dated November 28, 2007, filed on December 3, 2007.
16	Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Form 8-K dated March 19, 2008, filed on March 24, 2008.
(b)	See Schedule II.
(c)	See Index to Exhibits.

SCHEDULE II
VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS
PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC.
(Dollars in thousands)

	Balance at Beginning of Period	Charged to Costs and Expenses	Charged to Other Accounts	Deductions	Balance at End of Period
Year ended April 25, 2009:					
Deducted from asset accounts:					
Allowance for doubtful accounts	\$ 8,030	\$ 4,193	\$ 1,181 ⁽³⁾	\$ 3,631 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 9,773
LIFO inventory adjustment	\$44,333	\$ 7,601	\$ —	\$ —	\$51,934
Inventory obsolescence reserve	5,497	13,676	1,310 ⁽³⁾	12,102 ⁽²⁾	8,381
Total inventory reserve	<u>\$49,830</u>	<u>\$ 21,277</u>	<u>\$ 1,310</u>	<u>\$ 12,102</u>	<u>\$60,315</u>
Year ended April 26, 2008:					
Deducted from asset accounts:					
Allowance for doubtful accounts	\$ 6,547	\$ 3,547	\$ 216 ⁽³⁾	\$ 2,280 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 8,030
LIFO inventory adjustment	\$39,309	\$ 5,024	\$ —	\$ —	\$44,333
Inventory obsolescence reserve	5,538	10,704	849 ⁽³⁾	11,594 ⁽²⁾	5,497
Total inventory reserve	<u>\$44,847</u>	<u>\$ 15,728</u>	<u>\$ 849</u>	<u>\$ 11,594</u>	<u>\$49,830</u>
Year ended April 28, 2007:					
Deducted from asset accounts:					
Allowance for doubtful accounts	\$ 7,031	\$ 2,040	\$ 500 ⁽³⁾	\$ 3,024 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 6,547
LIFO inventory adjustment	\$33,984	\$ 5,325	\$ —	\$ —	\$39,309
Inventory obsolescence reserve	6,040	7,206	73 ⁽³⁾	7,781 ⁽²⁾	5,538
Total inventory reserve	<u>\$40,024</u>	<u>\$ 12,531</u>	<u>\$ 73</u>	<u>\$ 7,781</u>	<u>\$44,847</u>

- (1) Uncollectible accounts written off, net of recoveries.
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PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC.
Fiscal 2010
Incentive Plan

PLAN PURPOSE

The objective of Fiscal 2010 Patterson Companies, Inc. (PDCO) Incentive Compensation Plan (the “Plan”) is to encourage greater initiative, resourcefulness, teamwork, and efficiency on the part of its employees. The day-to-day performance and responsibilities of each individual have a direct impact on our internal and external customer satisfaction, sales and operational goals, which ultimately affects the profitability of the Company.

ELIGIBILITY

Participation

This Incentive Program is designed to include designated employees across the organization. Incentive opportunity for targeted groups of employees is specified in the Plan schedules attached to this document. Newly hired, transferred, or employees who become participants during the Plan year will be eligible on a prorated basis under the respective schedule.

Participation in the Plan is determined by the CEO with approval of the President of each respective subsidiary or operating unit and is based on level of responsibility and organizational impact of the participant.

Participants are eligible for participation in only one Patterson Companies, Inc. (or subsidiary thereof) incentive, bonus, or other variable pay program, unless so authorized by specific provisions included in this Plan and the respective Patterson Companies, Inc. variable pay Plan document(s).

Award Payments

To receive an award several criteria must be met:

Employment—To be eligible to receive an award, the individual must be employed by Patterson Companies, Inc., or a subsidiary thereof, on the date awards are made;

Job elimination—Participants whose positions are eliminated may, at the discretion of management, be eligible for prorated awards based on tenure in the qualifying position, overall performance level, actual results attained, and other criteria determined by management;

Job transfer—Participants who transfer into or out of eligible positions within the Company may be eligible for prorated awards based on tenure in the qualifying position, overall performance level, actual results attained, and management discretion;

Performance—Continued participation in the Plan is dependent upon the participant remaining an employee in good standing as defined by Patterson Companies, Inc. or its subsidiary. To qualify for an award, a participant must have a satisfactory performance rating and not be on a formal performance improvement plan. A participant on written warning or disciplinary status at any time during the Plan year may have his/her incentive award reduced or denied at management’s discretion;

Ethical and Legal Standards—Participants are required to be in compliance with, and abide by, Patterson Companies, Inc. Code of Ethics and comply with the letter and spirit of its provisions at all times.

No awards are considered earned until they are paid.

BASIS FOR AWARDS

The management of Patterson Companies, Inc. will approve participant objectives and evaluate performance of the business unit. Performance will be evaluated based on the specific goals and measures described in the attached plan schedules, the effective management of customer and employee relations, and compliance with Company expectations of good business practices and ethical conduct.

Patterson Companies, Inc. reserves the right to make changes to the Plan at any time, including but not limited to: withdraw or withhold from the Plan any transaction, product or service it might select; revise territories; establish specific account, customer, or portfolio representation; and assign or reassign specific accounts, customers, or portfolios within a participant's location service area at any time during the fiscal year.

Goals, incentive targets, territory assignments, and any other factors affecting this Plan may be reviewed and changed at any time during the Plan year.

APPROVAL OF AWARD PAYMENTS

The President of each respective subsidiary or operating unit will review and approve all award recommendations prior to submission to payroll for payment. Management may adjust payments at its own discretion to reflect the impact of any event that distorts actual results achieved and effective management of customer and employee relations. All awards are paid at the discretion of management.

DISTRIBUTION OF AWARD PAYMENTS

Generally, awards are calculated following the end of the fiscal year and payments are scheduled within 75 days after the end of the fiscal year.

Award payments are made by the same means as the individual's normal payroll. Applicable withholdings are deducted from all payments. Payments made under this Plan will be used in the calculation of benefits only as allowed under the applicable benefit plan. Awards are considered as earned by the participant on the date of actual distribution.

Generally, awards are determined and paid according to the provisions of this Plan document. Any exceptions require the approval of the President of each respective subsidiary or operating unit.

CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT STATUS

In the event a participant dies, becomes disabled (as defined by Patterson's Group Long Term Disability Plan provisions), retires, or is on a leave of absence (as defined by applicable Patterson policies), he/she may be eligible for an award based on management's discretionary review of the participant's actual performance and actual work done while at work. In the event of death, the award payment, if any, is issued in the name of the deceased and made payable to the estate.

ADOPTION AND ADMINISTRATION

The President and Chief Executive Officer of Patterson Companies, Inc., and the President of the subsidiary or operating unit, or the Vice President—Human Resources on their behalf, must approve the attached Plan schedules. The Plan schedules are effective for each fiscal year of the Company and are updated annually.

The President of each respective subsidiary or operating unit holds general authority and on-going responsibility for Plan administration. Any exceptions to the provisions in this Plan require approval of the President of Patterson Companies, Inc. and the President of the respective subsidiary or operating unit. The

foregoing officers and the Executive Vice President of Patterson Companies, Inc., or the Vice President of Human Resources acting on their behalf, have the authority to interpret the terms of this Plan.

This Plan supersedes all prior Incentive Plans. No agreements or understandings will modify this Plan unless they are in writing and approved by the President and Chief Executive Officer of Patterson Companies, Inc. and the President of the respective subsidiary or operating unit. This Plan is reviewed annually to determine the appropriateness of future continuation.

NO CONTRACT

Participation in this Plan does not constitute a contract of employment and shall not affect the right of Patterson Companies, Inc. to discharge, transfer, or change the position of a participant. The employment of any person participating in the Plan may be terminated at any time and no promise or representation is made regarding continued employment because of participation in the Plan.

The Plan shall not be construed to limit or prevent Patterson Companies, Inc. from adopting or changing, from time to time, any rules, standards, or procedures affecting a participant's employment with Patterson Companies, Inc. or any Patterson Companies, Inc. affiliate, including those which affect award payments, with or without notice to the participant.

ETHICAL AND LEGAL STANDARDS

A participant shall not pay, offer to pay, assign or give any part of his/her compensation or any other money to any agent, customer, or representative of the customer or any other person as an inducement or reward for assistance in making a sale. Moreover, no rights under this Plan shall be assignable or subject to any pledge or encumbrance of any nature.

If a participant fails to comply with the Patterson Companies, Inc. Code of Ethics or the provisions included in this Plan document or violates any other Company policy, his/her award may be adjusted, reduced, or denied at the discretion of Patterson Companies, Inc. management.

Approved

James W. Wiltz
President & Chief Executive Officer

R. Stephen Armstrong
Chief Financial Officer and
Executive Vice President

Date

Date

SUBSIDIARIES

<u>NAME</u>	<u>JURISDICTION OF INCORPORATION</u>
Patterson Dental Holdings, Inc.	Minnesota
Patterson Dental Supply, Inc.	Minnesota
Direct Dental Supply Co.	Nevada
Patterson Dental Canada Inc.	Canada
Patterson Technology Center, Inc.	Minnesota
Patterson Office Supplies, Inc.	Minnesota
Accu-Bite, Inc.	Michigan
Accu-Bite Dental Products Limited Liability Company	Michigan
Williamston Industrial Center, LLC	Michigan
Strategic Dental Marketing, Inc.	Michigan
PDC Funding Company, LLC	Minnesota
PDC Funding Company II, LLC	Minnesota
Webster Veterinary Supply, Inc.	Minnesota
Webster Management LP	Minnesota
Patterson Medical Holdings, Inc.	Delaware
Patterson Medical Supply, Inc.	Minnesota
Tumble Forms, Inc.	New York
Midland Manufacturing Company, Inc.	South Carolina
Sammons Preston Canada, Inc.	Ontario
Homecraft Roylan LTD	England & Wales
Kinetec S.A.	France
Patterson Medical Limited	United Kingdom
Mobilis Healthcare Group LTD	United Kingdom
Halo Healthcare LTD	United Kingdom
County Footwear LTD	United Kingdom
Archway Distribution Inc.	Canada
Arco Dental Inc.	Canada
Provi-Modern Medical International Inc.	Canada
Patterson Logistics Services, Inc.	Minnesota
Columbus Serum Company	Ohio
CSC High Plains, LLC	Ohio
CSC South, LLC	Ohio
Dolphin Imaging Systems, LLC	Delaware
Dolphin Practice Management, LLC	Delaware

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statements on Forms S-8 (Nos. 333-137497, 33-56764, 333-03583, 333-45742, 333-87488, 333-101691, 333-114643) and the Registration Statements on Forms S-3 (Nos. 333-19951, 333-41199, 333-61489, 333-79147, and 333-116226) of Patterson Companies, Inc. of our reports dated June 23, 2009, with respect to the consolidated financial statements and schedule of Patterson Companies, Inc., and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting of Patterson Companies, Inc. included in this Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended April 25, 2009.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Minneapolis, Minnesota
June 23, 2009

**Certification of the Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to
Rules 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as
adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

I, James W. Wiltz, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 25, 2009 of Patterson Companies, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: June 24, 2009

/s/ J AMES W. W ILTZ

James W. Wiltz
President and Chief Executive Officer

**Certification of the Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to
Rules 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as
adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

I, R. Stephen Armstrong, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 25, 2009 of Patterson Companies, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: June 24, 2009

/s/ R. S TEPHEN A RMSTRONG

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

**Certification of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as
adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

In connection with the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Patterson Companies, Inc., (the "Company") for the fiscal year ended April 25, 2009, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), the undersigned officer of the Company certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to his knowledge:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to the Company and will be retained by the Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

June 24, 2009

/s/ J AMES W. W ILTZ

James W. Wiltz
President and Chief Executive Officer

**Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as
adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

In connection with the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Patterson Companies, Inc., (the "Company") for the fiscal year ended April 25, 2009, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), the undersigned officer of the Company certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to his knowledge:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to the Company and will be retained by the Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

June 24, 2009

/s/ **R. S TEPHEN A RMSTRONG**
R. Stephen Armstrong
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer