PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC. Form SC 13G/A January 27, 2005

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

(Rule 13d-102)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT TO RULES 13d-1(b), (c), AND (d) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-2(b)

(Amendment No. 12)¹

Patterson Companies, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$.01 par value

(Title of Class of Securities)

703395 10 3

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2004

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:			
"Rule 13d-1(b)			
"Rule 13d-1(c)			
"Rule 13d-1(d)			
The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person s initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of			
securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.			

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Act) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, *see* the *Notes*).

CUSIP No. 703	3395 10 3	13G	Page 2 of 5 Pages
1) Name of F	Reporting Persons		
S.S. or I.R	S.S. Identification No. of Above Pe	rsons	
	Peter L. Frechette Appropriate Box if a Member of a	ı Group*	
(a) "			
(b) "			
3) SEC Use of	Not Applicable only		
4) Citizenshi	p or Place of Organization		
Ţ	J.S.A.Sole Voting Power		
Number of	6,849,788		
Shares	6) Shared Voting Power		
Beneficially			
Owned by	6,670		
Each	7) Sole Dispositive Power		
Reporting			
Person	6,849,788		
With	8) Shared Dispositive Power		
9) Aggregate	-0- Amount Beneficially Owned by E	Each Reporting Person	
6	5,856,458		

10) Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares*

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11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row 9

5.0%

12) Type of Reporting Person*

IN

* See Instructions Before Filling Out

Item 1.	(a)	Name of Issuer:		
	(b)	Patterson Companies, Inc. Address of Issuer s Principal Executive Office:		
		1031 Mendota Heights Road		
Item 2.	(a)	St. Paul, Minnesota 55120 Name of Person Filing:		
	(b)	Peter L. Frechette Address of Principal Business Office:		
		1031 Mendota Heights Road		
	(c)	St. Paul, Minnesota 55120 Citizenship:		
	(d)	U.S.A. Title of Class of Securities:		
	(e)	Common Stock, \$.01 par value CUSIP Number:		
Item 3.	Not App	703395 10 3 blicable		
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Item 4. Ownership (a) Amount beneficially owned as of December 31, 2004 6,856,458 (b) Percent of Class: 5.0% (c) Number of Shares as to Which Such Person Has: (i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: 6,849,788 (ii) shared power to vote or direct the vote: 6,670 (iii) sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of: 6,849,788 (iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0 Item 5. As of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of any class of securities of the issuer. Item 6. Not applicable Item 7. Not applicable Not applicable Item 8. Item 9. Not applicable Item 10. Not applicable

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: January 26, 2005

/s/ Peter L. Frechette

Peter L. Frechette

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