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Patterson Companies First Quarter Conference Call Scheduled for August 26, 2010

June 29—St. Paul, MN—Patterson Companies (Nasdaq: PDCO) today announced that it will hold its conference call to review operating results for the first quarter of fiscal 2011 on Thursday, August 26 at 10:00 AM Eastern. The Patterson earnings release will be issued before the market opens that day.

Patterson will provide complete details of the conference call within two weeks of the call.

About Patterson Companies, Inc.

Patterson Companies, Inc. is a value-added distributor serving the dental, companion-pet veterinarian and rehabilitation supply markets.

Dental Market

As Patterson's largest business, Patterson Dental provides a virtually complete range of consumable dental products, equipment and software, turnkey digital solutions and value-added services to dentists and dental laboratories throughout North America.

Veterinary Market

Webster Veterinary is the nation's second largest distributor of consumable veterinary supplies, equipment and software, diagnostic products, vaccines and pharmaceuticals to companion-pet veterinary clinics.

Rehabilitation Market

Patterson Medical is the world's leading distributor of rehabilitation supplies and non-wheelchair assistive patient products to the physical and occupational therapy markets. The unit's global customer base includes hospitals, long-term care facilities, clinics and dealers.

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