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Patterson Companies 3rd Quarter Fiscal 2011 Conference Call Scheduled for February 24

February 10, 2011—St. Paul, MN—Patterson Companies (Nasdaq: PDCO) today announced that it will hold its conference call to review operating results for the third quarter of fiscal 2011 on Thursday, February 24 at 10:00 AM Eastern. The Patterson earnings release will be issued before the market opens that day.

Investors can access a live webcast of the conference call by visiting the investor relations section of the Patterson Companies website, www.PattersonCompanies.com. The webcast will be archived on Patterson's website. Following the conference call, a replay will be available for one week. Interested persons may dial 303-590-3030 and provide the Conference ID, 4411978, when prompted.

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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