

IDEXX LABORATORIES INC /DE  
Form 8-K  
March 17, 2006

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): March 16, 2006

**IDEXX LABORATORIES, INC.**

*(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)*

**Delaware**

*(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)*

**000-19271**

*(Commission File Number)*

**01-0393723**

*(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)*

**One IDEXX Drive, Westbrook, Maine**

*(Address of principal executive  
offices)*

**04092**

*(ZIP Code)*

**(207) 856-0300**

*(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)*

**Not Applicable**

*(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)*

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

Effective March 16, 2006, the board of directors of IDEXX Laboratories, Inc. elected Barry C. Johnson, PhD as a director. Dr. Johnson will serve as a Class I director with his term expiring at the 2006 annual meeting of stockholders. The board of directors has not yet determined on which committees Dr. Johnson will serve.

The full text of the company's press release dated March 17, 2006 announcing Dr. Johnson's election is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of IDEXX Laboratories, Inc. dated March 17, 2006.

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: March 17, 2006

**IDEXX LABORATORIES, INC.**

By: /s/ Conan R. Deady

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Conan R. Deady  
Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit No.    Description of Exhibit

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