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): January 14, 2004

SYNBIOTICS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission file number 0-11303

California (State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

11011 Via Frontera

San Diego, California (Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (858) 451-3771

95-3737816 (I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

92127 (Zip Code)

Item 5. <u>Other Events</u>

On January 14, 2004, we issued a press release announcing that we had received USDA approval for our Witness® HW in-clinic veterinary diagnostic for the detection of heartworm infection in dogs.

Item 7. <u>Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits</u>

a) Financial statements of businesses acquired

Not applicable.

b) <u>Pro forma financial information</u>

Not applicable.

- c) <u>Exhibits</u>
 - 99 Press release dated January 14, 2004, entitled Synbiotics Announces the Availability of Witness HW .

SIGNATURES

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.

SYNBIOTICS CORPORATION

/s/ Keith A. Butler

Keith A. Butler

Vice President Finance and Chief Financial Officer

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