

GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC  
Form 8-K  
January 22, 2010

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**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): January 15, 2010**

**The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**Maryland**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**811-04700**

(Commission File Number)

**22-2736509**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**One Corporate Center**

**Rye, New York 10580-1422**

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **1-800-422-3554**

**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. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Section 5 Corporate Governance and Management**

**Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.**

On January 15, 2010, the Board of Directors of The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc. (the Fund ) approved and adopted an amendment (the Amendment ) to the Amended and Restated By-Laws of the Fund. The Amendment was effective as of January 15, 2010. The Amendment sets forth the processes and procedures that stockholders of the Fund must follow, and specifies additional information that stockholders of the Fund must provide, when proposing director nominations at any annual or special meeting of stockholders or other business to be considered at an annual meeting of stockholders.

The preceding is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Amendment, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

3.1 Amendment No. 1, dated January 15, 2010, to the Amended and Restated By-Laws of The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc.

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**SIGNATURES**

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

THE GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC.

Date: January 22, 2010

By: /s/ Agnes Mullady  
Agnes Mullady  
Secretary

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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