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Sure Dierks Bentley is thrilled about his new album, *Feel That Fire*, and his tour with pal Brad Paisley, but what really gets his blood pumping? Swaddling! "He's a very competitive swaddler," laughs wife Cassidy. "There's a science to it—firm but not too tight," he says. "I'm a master!" The lucky beneficiary of this talent is, of course, 4-month-old Evalyn Day, the couple's first child. But before Evie (as she's known) made her entrance on Oct. 4, Bentley admits, "I practiced on [my dog] Jake!" All that swaddling probably helped Jake, as well as the family's other pup George, welcome their new sibling. "Some nights when we're in bed and Cass is asleep and Evie's right there and the dogs are around us, it's like a big tribe—our tribe," he says. "It's the coolest thing. It's like, 'This is mine!'"

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Dierks Bentley BABY BLISS

NEW DAUGHTER EVALYN DAY 'MAKES LIFE SEEM BIGGER AND BRIGHTER' FOR HER PROUD NEW DAD

Photograph by BRIAN DOBEN

"Every day I fall in love with her a little bit more," Bentley (at home in Nashville with wife Cassidy) says of daughter Evie.