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... Here is my story and why I am so pleased with my CASCO vest and thankful I was wearing it.

I was riding my 1400 pound warmblood mare on her 20 meter circles at the canter. I was in my own riding arena and just schooling my horse. The next thing I knew I was in the barn and my horse and I were filthy! I realized I was also beginning to get sore, and that we had obviously fallen. Later, when I looked at where I had fallen, I saw that her left hind foot had slipped out from under her and down we came. It seemed we had rolled completely over at least twice. I thank God every day that I am still living. I truly believe that because I was wearing my CASCO vest (and my helmet) that my ribs, lungs, heart and everything else was protected from breaking or being punctured. That is a lot of weight to be rolling over you twice. I was also tangled in her legs as she tried to get her feet under her to get up. Both the helmet and the back cover of my CASCO vest had to be replaced as I was kicked at least 4 times in the helmet (we counted the impact marks on it) and several times in the vest. The back of the vest was stretched at the shoulder which I believe shows how much it can take. It stayed in place and did its job. It protected me. After 6 months of healing, my neck and head are 80% better and I am now riding again. I wear my safety gear, as always. I try to get others to be more safety minded as well. My daughter recently bought a CASCO vest and she wears it always. I can't stress how important it is to wear your vest and helmet not just at shows but whenever you are on a horse as you can't predict when something will happen...

Thank you so much for making such a wonderful product. I hope you print this story and if you need a spokesperson for CASCO please let me know.

Best Regards

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