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# **“The Origin of the House Cat”**



**Speaker: Richard Loken,**  
Senior Systems Administrator,  
Athabasca University

**Date:** Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

**Place:** Athabasca University  
Governing Council Chambers

**Time:** 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Join Science Outreach – Athabasca as we welcome Richard Loken. There are an estimated 600 million domestic cats in the world plus perhaps another 600 million feral domestic cats. Cats are curled up on soft chairs in front of warm fires on every continent except Antarctica.

**How can an animal that does so little be so successful?**

Richard will discuss the 10,000 year history of the domestic cat and its relationships with humans, house mice, and its *Wildcat* relatives. Recent discoveries suggest that a lot of what we thought we knew about the origin of the house cat is incorrect.

Refreshments will be available after this presentation.

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