

## Who was Aboo Hurayrah?

**With regards to the name and the kunyah of the great Companion Aboo Hurayrah radi Allaahu 'anhu , the Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen rahimahullaah states:**

Most people are not aware of the name of Aboo Hurayrah radi Allaahu 'anhu and therefore there occurred differing with regards to the name of the narrator of the hadeeth (number nine of an Nawawee's forty).

And the most correct of the sayings and the closest of them to what is correct is that which the author (an Nawawee rahimahullaah) mentioned, that his name was:

'Abdur Rahmaan ibn Sakh<sub>r</sub>.

And he was given the *kunyah* (agnomen) Aboo Hurayrah ("father of a kitten") because he used to have with him a *hirrah* (cat) which he was fond of and who was fond of him. So as a result of its accompanying him, he was given a *kunyah* relating to it.

(Sharh al Arba'een an Nawawee (p133) of Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen rahimahullaah)

